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Clarke urged to delay raising rates

Shares rise as inflation and jobless fall

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE long-expected rise in interest rates may be postponed until at least next year after two sets of unexpected economic figures sent shares soaring by 43 points.

There was a drop in inflation — to the lowest level for 27 years — indicating that the high street price wars are continuing; and a smaller than anticipated fall in unemployment, showing that the economy may not be growing fast enough to withstand a rate increase.

Both the Institute of Directors and the British Chambers of Commerce asked Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, not to bow to Bank of England pressure to raise rates.

The inflation news was coupled with encouraging news from the jobs market. Growth in average earnings, one indicator which the Bank has been watching with concern, is not accelerating and has stood at 3.75 per cent since April.

Even more impressive was a sharp fall in unit labour costs, due to a slide in manufacturing earnings and a surge in productivity. Labour costs were actually more than 1 per cent lower in June compared with a year ago.

Britain's headline inflation rate fell sharply from 2.6 per cent to 2.3 per cent last month because of the supermarket wars and unprecedented price cutting in the summer sales. It is a measure of the vicious competition that prices for clothes and footwear recorded their sharpest fall in any July since 1914.

The underlying rate of inflation, which excludes mortgage interest payments and is important because it is targeted by the Government, fell to 2.2 per cent from 2.4 per cent. This is its lowest level since 1967 and makes it extremely unlikely that the Chancellor will be persuaded to raise interest rates in September, as some economists had expected.

The markets, which had been expecting inflation to be unchanged and for underlying inflation to rise, surged. The FTSE 100 index of leading shares jumped to 3,190.3.

The indicators of inflation were coupled with a disappointingly small 11,800 drop in the number of people out of work and claiming benefit, to 2,631,500, or 9.3 per cent of the workforce. The number of people in work rose by 80,000 between March and May, due entirely to an increase in part-time jobs.

Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, said: "Today's figures confirm that economic recovery is feeding through into more jobs and falling unemployment." But



Portillo: recovery is bringing more jobs

Labour's employment spokeswoman, Ann Clwyd, said the jobs figures were "massaged" and should be taken with a pinch of salt because they hid up to one million people who were unemployed "by common definition" but were denied benefit.

Tim Melville-Ross, the new director general of the Institute of Directors, said: "Today's figures, coupled with the lower than expected fall in unemployment, indicate that while recovery is continuing, it is not yet in the bag and could easily be blown off course."

Richard Brown, deputy director-general of the British Chambers of Commerce, said: "Today's figures underline the difficulties that businesses, particularly retailers, are suffering in the face of consumer demand for lower prices." He said it would be premature to put up interest rates with such low inflation and with only a third of firms working to full capacity.

The Bank of England two weeks ago said that the Government would have to raise interest rates if it was serious about hitting its inflation target, and emphasised concern that the economy was growing too fast. Since this warning, however, economic statistics have been uniformly better than expected on inflation and have also pointed to a slight weakening in growth.

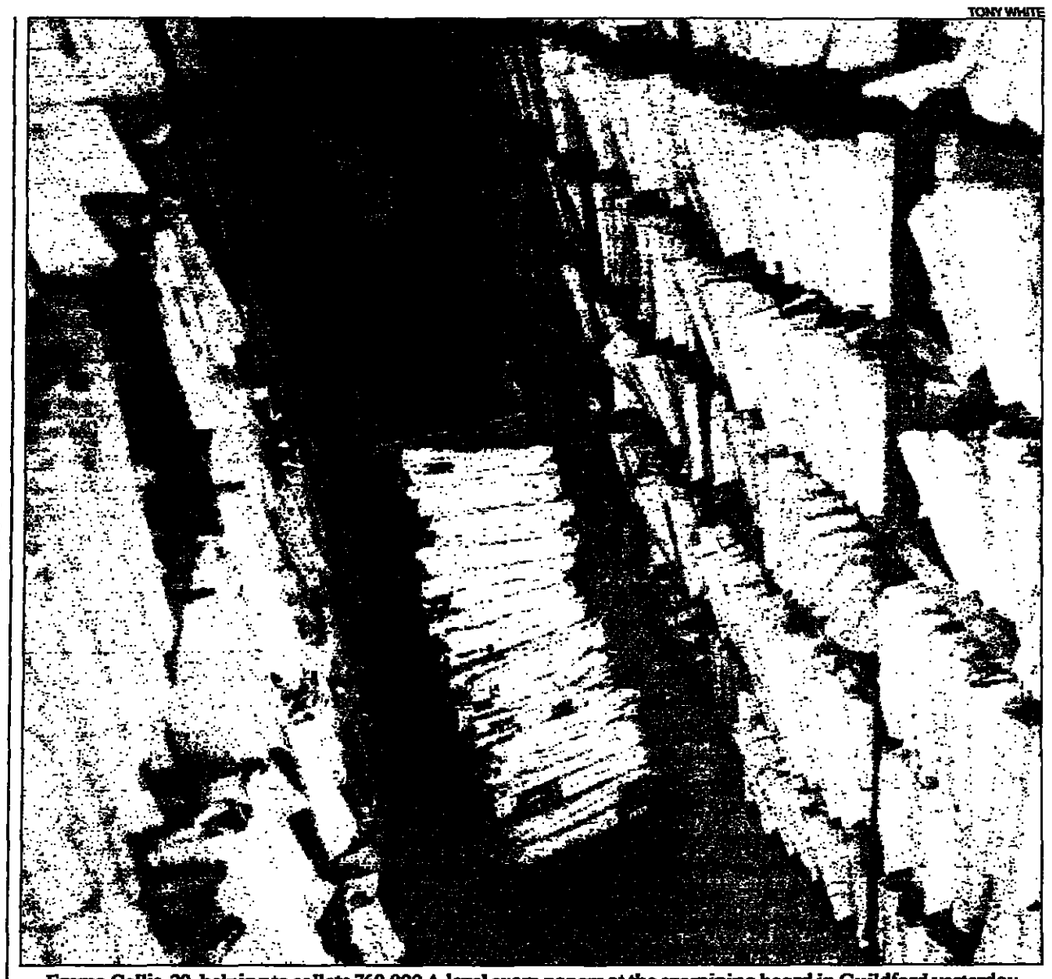
Roger Bootle, chief economist at Midland Bank, now believes that interest rates may not be raised until next year. It would be difficult for Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, to persuade the Chancellor to raise rates when they next meet next month in view of the latest figures. A rate rise in October would be politically difficult because of the party conferences, and an increase would be undesirable in November because it might dent the Christmas shopping season.

The economic arguments also weigh against a rate rise too early. Mr Bootle said: "There is a significant risk of ending up with unacceptably weak growth next year if rates are put up. If Eddie George forces a rate rise which isn't necessary, and nobbles the recovery, his bid for central bank independence will be in deep trouble."

Yesterday's figures suggest that, two years into the economic recovery, British employees and consumers are behaving very differently from the 1980s, which should be good news for inflation. Despite falling unemployment, there appears to be little pressure for higher wages.

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TONY WHITE



Emma Collis, 20, helping to collate 760,000 A-level exam papers at the examining board in Guildford yesterday

A-level passes break record again

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

A SIXTH successive rise in A-level pass rates is announced this morning, intensifying the scramble for university places and prompting demands for changes in higher education admission methods.

The results, to be posted in schools today, will bring relief to thousands of sixth-formers holding offers from universities. A 2 per cent improvement in the top three grades means that for the first time more than half of papers reached the normal threshold for higher education entry.

The examining boards moved swiftly to counter any suggestion that lax marking had led to the rising pass rate. Kathleen Tattersall, chief executive of the Northern Examinations and Assessment Board, put the improvement down to increased competition for university places and jobs, as well as better preparation by candidates.

"The continuing popularity of GCE A-level examinations is justified," she said. "It is the most scrutinised public examination for post-16-year-olds and is accepted without question, worldwide, as a gold standard."

When A-levels were introduced 43 years ago, just 3.1 per cent of the age group took them and almost a third failed. Today's figures show that after a tenfold expansion, four out of five students are passing. The overall pass rate (A-E levels) has risen from 76.4 per cent in 1989 via 77 per cent (1990), 77.8 percent (1991), 79.4 per cent (1992) and 81.1 per cent in 1993 to 82.9 per cent this year. The proportion of the age group taking the examination is still rising.

About half of the 270,000 places at university and college had already been allocated last night. Admissions tutors, who have been pitching their offers higher than usual to meet strict new targets, said the unexpectedly good grades would increase pressure on places in next week's "clearing" process for unfilled vacancies.

Tony Higgins, chief executive of the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, said the high pass rate would give more applicants their first choice of course. Some universities had already allocated all their places, and all candidates should know their fate early next week, almost a week ahead of last year's schedule.

Almost 400,000 people have applied to higher education institutions and a quarter have already been earmarked for clearing, having missed their required grades.

The Association of University Teachers predicted that up to 40,000 successful students could miss a university place because of the funding freeze. But Mr Higgins said: "Last year there were similar warnings, and the crisis never arose. There were still spare places at universities going begging well into September."

The Labour Party and both of the main lecturers' unions called for reform of the admissions system. Bryan Davies, Labour's higher education spokesman, said clearing was a "chaotic process" which would lead to increased drop-out rates.

Eric Forth, the Education Minister, congratulated the examining boards on maintaining standards.

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Getty's £1m offer 'still on the table'

BY DALYA ALBERGE AND EMMA WILKINS

JOHN PAUL GETTY was reported last night to be standing by his offer to give £1 million to the appeal to keep *The Three Graces* in Britain, after a series of apologies from Timothy Clifford, the Director of the National Galleries of Scotland.

Lord Armstrong of Ilminster, chairman of the board of trustees of the Victoria and Albert Museum, co-ordinator of the British fund-raising campaign, said yesterday that he had spoken to the American philanthropist and understood that the offer remained on the table.

Mr Getty was deeply concerned after Mr Clifford suggested in a BBC interview last week that his offer was motivated by a grudge against his late father, founder of the Getty Museum in California.

In a letter obtained by *The Times* and published yesterday, Mr Getty threatened to withdraw the funding and promised to do everything in his power to ensure that the Getty Museum secured the statue of Jupiter's three daughters.

Lord Armstrong said yesterday, however: "He [Mr Getty] made it clear in conversation that he very much would like to keep the ladies in this country. He has been much disturbed by the allegations, and wants to find some way of making it clear that he is not motivated by any grudge towards the Getty Museum. He has authorised me to say that the allegations are quite without foundation."

Mr Clifford, who told *The Times* that he immediately regretted the comments he had made last Friday, said yesterday: "I would like to repeat my sincere apology to Mr Getty for any distress I have caused him. I hope that my mistake will not damage the cause of the appeal for Canova's statue."

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Mawhinney warns strikers

Brian Mawhinney broke his holiday yesterday to warn striking railway signallers that "everyone was fed up" with the ten-week dispute, and that public patience could be about to snap.

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Russian officials offered plutonium sale to Briton

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Russian nuclear officials have several times offered a British engineering consultant a trade in plutonium and highly enriched uranium.

John Large, whose company is based in Woolwich, southeast London, told of the offers yesterday after the seizure in Germany earlier this week of a fourth consignment of nuclear material believed to have been smuggled out of Russia. Moscow denies any such allegations.

Mr Large said the offers were made openly during visits to Russia. "I always stopped them immediately, but they made clear they were ready to do business and wanted to know if I could help," he said.

His statement provides further proof that smuggling of weapons-grade plutonium by disenchanted Russian scientists and engineers is one of the most deadly challenges facing the West. Mr Large's most recent visit was to advise the Russians on the environmental risks posed by a submarine that was carrying nuclear weapons when it sank in the Barents Sea. "I was asked if I knew any Western company who would want nuclear material. This wasn't just some barrow-boy trying to con me. They were senior plant people, nuclear scientists who saw this as a legitimate way of making money," he said.

"It's extraordinary. When the French took half a ton of plutonium back to Japan, they sent a warship alongside a specially adapted vessel. Now we have people in Russia with the stuff rolled up their trouser legs."

He said the black market price for plutonium appeared to vary between $250,000 and $500,000 per kilogram. Ottfried Nasser, of the Berlin Information Centre for Transatlantic Security, an independent German research institute, claimed that the price was as high as $6 million per kilogram.

A nuclear bomb requires 8kg of weapons-grade plutonium, but "dirty" bombs containing much smaller quantities would cause serious radiation if successfully detonated. A kilo of plutonium fed into a town's water supply could also be disastrous in the long term.

Mr Large said a chemical assay of the nuclear material found by German police would enable the authorities to prove that it came from Russia. He suspected such information was being deliberately withheld because of political sensitivities.

The British consultant, who is returning to Russia soon, said that plutonium stocks were increasing because the Russians were extracting nuclear fuel from dismantled weapon systems and tendering for contracts to reprocess spent nuclear fuel from other countries. He believed many of the Russians prepared to sell plutonium and uranium would "go to ground" now that the story had come out.



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Clinton's ally at Treasury resigns over Whitewater

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

WHITEWATER claimed its most senior political victim yesterday when Roger Altman, US Deputy Treasury Secretary, who first became a close friend of President Clinton at Georgetown University, decided to resign. The Treasury's top lawyer, Jean Hanson, will also be stepping down this week.

Mr Altman, 48, was preparing to submit his letter of resignation to Mr Clinton, who has made a point of supporting him. Presidential aides and leaders on Capitol Hill had pressed for his departure after he misled Congress, and the loss is another blow to the Administration.

Mr Altman was questioned at length during the Whitewater hearings over his provision of confidential information to the White House about a possible criminal investigation into the failed Arkansas thrift institution owned by a business partner of the Clintons in the Whitewater land deal. Mr Altman said that there had been one contact between the Treasury and White House, when there were 40.

Senators castigated him not only over the improper contacts, which would have enabled the White House to prepare its defence in advance, but also over his insistence that he had not lied to them. Ms Hanson was rebuked for not correcting Mr Altman's testimony, even though she was sitting behind him.

A millionaire and former Wall Street investment banker, Mr Altman had been a rising star since he helped to steer President Clinton's budget through Congress last year. He was widely mentioned as a successor to Lloyd Bentsen, the Treasury Secretary, who is 73.

The resignation is another reminder for the Clintons that their Whitewater ordeal is far from over. The investigation has taken another controversial turn with the appointment of a new independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, a Republican activist.

Earlier this year, Webster Hubbell resigned as Associate Attorney-General, the No 3 official at the Justice Department, after revelations about his business expenses were unearthed during the Whitewater investigation.

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Public patience will snap, Mawhinney warns rail strikers

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRIAN Mawhinney set the scene for a showdown with striking railway signallers yesterday, telling them that public patience with the dispute could be about to snap.

In his toughest intervention yet in the ten-week dispute over pay, the Transport Secretary broke his holiday to urge the signallers to abandon their claim for an interim payment. He gave his full backing to Robert Horton, the chairman of Railtrack, who has refused to offer any pay rise without a new deal on productivity. Mr Mawhinney insisted that the Government would not sanction any pay deal above its 2.5 per cent public-sector pay ceiling unless it was funded through productivity gains.

In a powerful attack on the RMT transport union, which has announced plans for further industrial action during the next two weeks, Mr Mawhinney said: "Everyone is getting fed up with the disruption and inconvenience these needless strikes are causing to travellers, industry and the railway industry itself. Public patience can be elastic, but even elastic can snap."

In a clear rejection of the RMT's insistence on a catch-up payment before any talks about productivity, Mr Mawhinney said it was "high time for the RMT to come to the table without pre-conditions". He added: "Railtrack wants a settlement but it cannot negotiate with empty chairs."

However, he made it clear that he was prepared to sanction the deal offered by Railtrack in June, which involved a 2.5 per cent general increase in line with the Government's pay bill target, 3 per cent for improved productivity and 1.6 per cent through a one-off payment to accept a switch to cashless pay. Railtrack has acknowledged that up to a quarter of signal staff would be worse off under the proposals, and has promised special payments to compensate. The union insists that it was originally offered 5.7 per cent.

Mr Mawhinney's intervention comes after three days of disruption following the failure last week of efforts by Acas, the government arbitration service, to broker new talks between the two sides.

Frank Dobson, the shadow Transport Secretary, said the intervention proved that "Railtrack has no freedom to negotiate". He insisted that the Government was "pulling the strings" behind the scenes.

The RMT called the Transport Secretary's remarks "unhelpful". A spokesman said: "The public understands that Railtrack has reneged on an offer made to us last June which is why they blame the employers and the Government for this dispute."

Mr Mawhinney's stance seems to suggest the Government may be preparing public opinion for a tougher line against the strikers after nine weeks of intermittent disruption.

British Rail has been able to run up to a third of its normal services on strike days. Railtrack supervisors have joined the estimated 1,100 of the 4,600 signallers who are not RMT members to staff signal boxes during the strikes.

Railtrack is to send a fresh bulletin to staff later this week calling for fresh pressure on the union to persuade it to enter talks about restructuring pay and conditions.

If that fails, Railtrack may offer individual contracts to signallers who are prepared to accept the new terms, although a spokeswoman insisted last night that a negotiated settlement remained the "preferred option". She said: "We have made an offer we regard as acceptable and the information we have from our phone lines is that a high number of our staff do not understand why the union will not discuss it."

John Monks, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, said the public was supporting the signalling workers because they sympathised with the "high-handed and careless" attitude of Railtrack's management.



Dobson: ministers "have been pulling strings"



Mawhinney: "Everyone is getting fed up"



Michael Portillo discussing the European Union ruling with a disabled protester

Disabled workers picket Portillo in job protest

BY KATE ALDERSON AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

MICHAEL Portillo used the fall in unemployment yesterday to try to deflect accusations that he has ruined the job prospects of disabled workers.

The Employment Secretary was in spirited mood as he made his first public appearance since being embroiled in the controversy. However, although he pushed the "good news of more and more people finding jobs", disabled protesters ensured that the discontent which greeted his decision to withdraw preferential treatment for handicapped workers did not go away.

To announce his first employment figures, Mr Portillo headed for Leeds where he was waylaid by four wheelchair-bound representatives from the city's Remploy factory. They gave him a petition as he arrived to visit IBM's offices in the city.

He was clearly unmoved by the calls for him to reconsider his decision and said that the original scheme was "not very important" to disabled workers. He made clear that he thought that workers at Remploy, Britain's biggest employer of disabled staff, did not benefit greatly from the scheme, which allowed the company to tender a second bid for work if a winning bid was lower.

Mr Portillo said this second-bid opportunity had not been used very often by Remploy. "It has not been very important to them. I do not think, therefore, that the abolition of the scheme will have a very significant effect, but I certainly pledged that if it does have any effect we are going to step in and help any disabled people who are affected by the abolition of this scheme."

Mr Portillo said there was no question of cutting off money to Remploy, which receives some £80 million in government help each year. Remploy admits that the scheme does offer many contracts which would not have been won otherwise, and the firm is anxious that any loss of income from lost contracts should be offset by new schemes to help almost 9,000 employees.

Mr Portillo appeared relaxed and jovial. Asked if he was revelling in the controversy, he smiled and said: "No, not at all."

The Employment Secretary attempted to defuse the affair by promising to help any workers affected by the EC directive. He insisted that he had had "no idea of the effect on disabled workers" when he signed the directive in 1992 as Treasury Chief Secretary.

Meanwhile, it became clear that officials in Brussels are trying to find a way of allowing a modified version of the scheme to continue within the rules of the European Commission directive passed in June.

Later, Mr Portillo said on *The World at One* on Radio 4: "I believe that because the scheme, though it was one we liked and used, is not one that is vital to the success of Remploy, it may well be that people at the time thought it was not worth raising."

Guernsey fish clash resolved

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

BRITAIN and France have agreed on fishing rights between Guernsey and the coasts of Brittany and Normandy, the Foreign Office announced yesterday.

The area has been the scene of frequent clashes between British and French boats because of disputes over fishing grounds rich in lobster, crab and scallop.

Under the agreement, which begins on September 12 and runs initially for a year, Guernsey fishermen will resume fishing in two areas from which they were forced out a year ago: a belt of water six to 12 miles off the Roches Douvres, a rocky island with a lighthouse 24 miles southwest of Guernsey that belongs to France, and an area six to 12 miles off the Cap de la Hague, the northernmost tip of Normandy.

In exchange, French trawlers will be permitted to fish in the Sark Box, about nine miles southwest of the island of Sark. Guernsey fisheries officials were threatened with knives and boathooks when they tried to board a French boat in this disputed zone earlier in the summer.

The agreement also provides for the return of lobster pots confiscated during previous disputes. Still unresolved is the question of French access to an oval-shaped patch of water east of Guernsey known as the *haricot* (bean). The long-running dispute provoked a blockade of St Peter Port in Guernsey by a fleet of 37 French boats last year. French fishermen also boarded a Royal Navy training vessel and set fire to her flag.

☐ A French tuna fishing boat fired shots over the heads of Greenpeace environmentalists in a rubber dinghy in the Bay of Biscay, the group said yesterday.

The environmentalists said they were trying to check the nets of the *Amazone* to see if they were legal. They described the skipper's actions as "outrageously aggressive and highly dangerous".

Community care for mentally ill is success, say Tories

BY JONATHAN PRYNN AND NIGEL HAWKES

THE Government has vigorously rejected charges of complacency over its policies for care of potentially dangerous psychiatric patients released into the community.

John Bowis, the junior health minister, yesterday insisted that an inquiry by the Royal College of Psychiatrists showing that discharged psychiatric patients had committed 34 murders in 18 months vindicated its policies.

But a report published today by the National Schizophrenia Fellowship says that there is "gross underfunding" of community care services and that £500 million a year more must be spent to fill the gaps. "There are many thousands of people with a mental illness living in a system that is failing them," said Eve Thompson, chair of the fellowship. "If the gross under-funding of services persists these forgotten people will continue to be quietly neglected and tragedies will continue."

Last August Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, produced a ten-point plan for care in the community including new powers to supervise psychiatric patients who could be a danger to the public.

Speaking on BBC Radio, Mr Bowis stressed that very few murders were committed by the mentally ill. Over the period covered by the RCP inquiry chaired by Dr William Boyd, there had been 1,000 murders, of which only between 20 and 30 were committed by the mentally ill. "Each year some 235,000 people are admitted to psychiatric hospitals, 16,000 of them are sectioned under the Mental Health Act. We have had a drop over the last ten years from 15 per cent to 11 per cent in the number of murders involving people with mental health problems. That is not to be complacent. That is ... to say that Virginia Bottomley's ten-point plan must be right."

He said the report backed the Government's new guidelines on discharge of patients and its requirement that all health authorities set up new supervision registers to monitor the mentally ill in the community.

Mr Bowis said: "We will go on driving through the message to health authorities and local authorities that they must work together and make sure that supervision is in place so that if someone is not taking medication that can be spotted and acted on."

However, the Government is likely to come under renewed political pressure over the issue in the autumn when Tessa Jowell, a Labour member of the health select committee, plans to introduce a bill giving discharged patients new enforceable rights to care. Such a bill could act as a focus for political concern about the care of psychiatric patients living in the community, she said.

The schizophrenia fellowship claims that Britain has too few social workers, with 7,000 posts vacant, and has only a third as many psychiatrists per capita as countries such as Australia or The Netherlands. There is also a need for community psychiatric nurses, supported accommodation, supervision registers, additional medication and other improvements which amount to at least £500 million a year.

Tom Sanford, mental health adviser to the Royal College of Nursing said: "The Government must act on the findings in the Boyd report and provide national investment for the training of staff in the risk assessment and management of mentally ill people in the community.

"Community care programmes for severely mentally ill people too often rely on drug treatment alone. A broad package of properly resourced services is needed to prevent these tragedies."

BA bans transport of animals for slaughter

British Airways announced an immediate ban on carrying live animals for slaughter yesterday, after an outcry over 50 sheep carried in the hold of a jumbo jet. The airline's decision, unlikely to cost more than £200,000 a year in lost revenue, was welcomed by animal rights groups and MPs.

Robert Ayling, group managing director, said the airline had an excellent record for the safe carriage of animals. "However, many of our customers have expressed strong views, objecting to the carriage of sheep for slaughter." Passengers, including Mike Penning, Commons researcher for the Tory MP Sir Teddy Taylor, were angered when they saw the 50 sheep being loaded onto their aircraft in small crates. Sir Teddy Taylor said of BA's decision: "This is fantastic for animal welfare."

The RSPCA said: "We hope other airlines follow suit." P&O and Brittany Ferries have already announced plans to stop carrying live animals to the Continent for slaughter. Stena Sealink plans to make a decision this month.

Flame-thrower case

A man wanted by police investigating a flame-thrower attack on a Co Down school in which six children were hurt was ordered to be extradited to Northern Ireland by an Irish court yesterday. Garnet Bell, 45, of Belfast faces charges of attempted murder, grievous bodily harm and fire damage.

In Belfast, a Loyalist pub was wrecked when IRA members ordered out the dozen customers and left a bomb. A gang which tried to batter its way into another pub in the Protestant Shankill district was foiled by security locks. A bomb left in the hall was destroyed by the Army.

Knife attack on men

Two men aged 20 were badly injured when they were attacked by a man wearing knuckle-dusters with knives attached to them. One victim had a punctured lung and the other a badly slashed ear. Both were treated in the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle upon Tyne after the attack at a petrol station in the city. Detective Constable Steve Davison said the attacker wore "push daggers" on each hand: "They are knuckle dusters with 3in to 4in blades sticking out from them. He must have looked something like Freddy in the *Nightmare on Elm Street* films."

'Aids' robber apologises

An armed robber linked to six raids on Bradford and Bingley offices in the North East has apologised to the building society's staff for scaring them. The man told cashiers during the raids: "I have Aids — I want £1,000." Later, in a handwritten letter to the building society's head of security, he said: "I am writing to apologise to your staff for scaring them when robbing your offices in the North East — Leeds — Friday. I had to do it to get money to go in dignity. I am leaving the country tonight, no more worries, for a centre that will look after me."

Jumper had weak heart

Mr Graham Harris, who died after a bungee jump, had a heart condition and had suffered chest pains before his fatal leap, it was disclosed yesterday. But he still signed a form to say he was physically fit before he made his 175ft leap. Mr Harris, 39, suffered a heart attack during a charity jump at The Heroes pub in Wadesbovile, Hampshire, and died later in hospital. A police report to the Hampshire coroner revealed that Mr Harris had experienced pains in his chest four years ago. A post-mortem examination also showed a heart condition for some time.

Adler's album record



The harmonica player Larry Adler, 80, has become the oldest person to reach the top five of the British album chart. *The Glory of Gershwin* has gone gold and is at number two in the chart, earning Adler, left, a place in the *Guinness Book of Records*. The album features contemporary stars including Elton John and Sting. Adler said: "George Gershwin was a good friend and he would have loved it."

Golfer driven into air

A joyrider drove a car across a golf course and crashed into an assistant professional as he practised his swing. Matthew Owen, 18, of Glossop, Derbyshire, who was playing at the Werneth Low golf club in Hyde, Manchester, said he tried to leap over the car's bonnet but smashed into the glass. The Ford Fiesta, which is believed to have been stolen, drove off with a golf club embedded in the windscreen and was later found burnt out near by. Mr Owen, who works at Werneth Low, said he was more concerned about his clubs than his injuries and refused hospital treatment.

Pelvic bone replaced

A 65-year old retired shop assistant from North Shields has been given a new pelvic bone in a pioneering operation at the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle upon Tyne. Elizabeth Bolton suffers from arthritis, which has caused extensive damage to her hip and pelvic bones, and faced life in a wheelchair. She is now making a rapid recovery after the 11-hour operation. Doctors had to wait until the Large Bone Bank in Leicester found a suitable pelvic bone in Belgium. Dr Hilary Stafford, of the bone bank, said: "This is a very rare operation because it is very costly."

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Boys, 13, drunk on Communion wine set church ablaze

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

TWO 13-year-old boys who became drunk on Communion wine and set a church on fire, causing £400,000 damage, have been ordered by a court to help the vicar.

In a move designed to make the punishment fit the crime, they will also have to wash fire engines and perform menial tasks at the fire station instead of being sent to a young offenders' institution.

The boys started the fire after breaking a rear window and climbing into St Stephen's Church in Acomb, York, just before Christmas 1992.

They lit altar candles, set fire to a Nativity crib and stuffed burning candles into a piano.

Neil Clark, for the prosecution, told a sitting of York Crown Court in Hull that by the time fire crews were alerted, flames were leaping through the church roof and it took a long time to control the blaze.

One fireman had his head gashed by a falling slate and the classical floor of the stone church, dating from 1832, was destroyed.

The choir screen, several statues and the organ were damaged beyond repair. It took police nine months to track down the boys, who admitted burglary and arson. They cannot be named for legal reasons.

The vicar, the Rev Michael Warchus, and the head of the fire brigade are backing the supervision and specified activity order, which requires the boys to spend 30 sessions at the church and 20 at the fire station.

The church has been restored and although not officially reopened, services are being held there after almost two years. The boys will be made to weed the graveyard and keep the churchyard clean.

David Bradshaw, representing one of the boys, now aged 14, said the crime had been a "wanton and foolish act". He said: "These horrific consequences were brought about by the fact they had drunk a large quantity of Communion wine.

"They were fooling about and, in the case of the child I represent, a psychiatrist says he is not likely to be a repetitive fire-raiser." The Recorder, Robert Smith, QC, said that detaining the two would only put them in contact with hardened offenders and would probably contribute to their leading a life of crime.

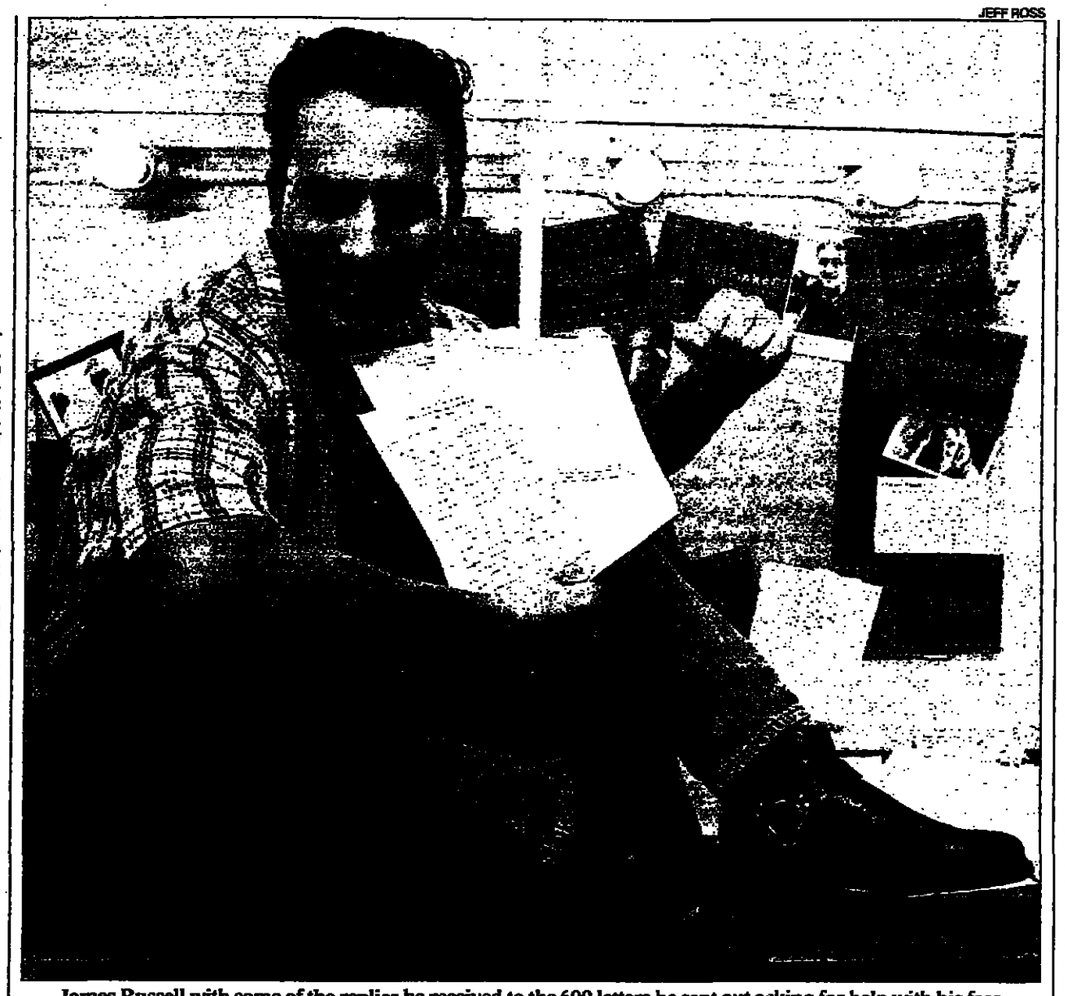
Bob Purrington, York's Youth Justice Officer attached to the social services, said: "It is rare for burglars to meet those they burgled or for fire-raisers to go back and help at the scene.

"Both boys will have to go to church and meet the vicar and members of the parish directly affected by the fire. It will mean them cleaning the churchyard, keeping things tidy and generally helping the vicar."

The Rev Anne Brookfield, a curate at St Stephen's, said: "The court has made the punishment fit the crime. I think if the work they do is supervised correctly and they are shown the error of their ways, it is far better than locking them up.

"It is a new way of dealing with offenders but I am sure it will help in their appreciation of the crime."

JEFF ROSS



James Russell with some of the replies he received to the 600 letters he sent out asking for help with his fees

The day Daktari came to darkest Yorkshire

BY JOE JOSEPH

CAN'T afford to safari in Kenya? Worried that wildlife-watching in Zimbabwe might pall after the first few rhinos rumble past your Land Rover?

You're in luck. *Daktari* has come to Britain. Sue Hutchinson, an East Yorkshire housewife, swears her family spotted a lioness relieving itself in their back garden yesterday morning. She called the police.

Armed officers scrambled an RAF helicopter. Police dogs were unkennelled. Vets loaded their guns with tranquiliser darts and locals were warned to stay indoors. In all, about 40 police officers, a helicopter, two vets and several farmers and gamekeepers were mobilised for the hunt.

Unfortunately, the phantom lioness scrambled too, into thin air, much like the many other mysterious wild beasts that stalk Britain — usually in the summer months when newspapers are inconveniently short of news to report.

But nobody else had spotted Mrs Hutchinson's lioness and zoos and circuses were contacted, but nobody reported a missing lioness.

"My daughters Charlotte and Francesca came rushing into the bedroom and shouted, 'Mummy, mummy there's a lion in the garden'," Mrs Hutchinson said, struggling to relax in her new home in Ruston Parva. Her first, uncharitable, thought was that her daughters, six and four, had fibbed. But a glance out the window convinced her that a lioness was on the loose.

"It was incredible. People told me the country was so quiet, but on the first day in my new house there was a lion wandering about outside.

"At first we didn't know if it was a lion or not, so I fetched some binoculars and watched it for about 10 minutes. It was about 75 yards away from me in a farmer's field just at the end of my garden. The lioness just wandered about stopping for a sniff now and again. Then it urinated near the fence."

That seems to have been the final straw for the Hutchinson family.

"We were stunned. I told my husband to call the police. We waited for several minutes before calling them in, because we wanted to be sure it was a wild animal and not just us overreacting," said Mrs Hutchinson, 35.

Armed officers soon swooped on the scene, near Bridlington, and combed the countryside. Experts from the Flamingoland zoo, near Malton, were called in, to no avail. The beast, if beast it was, remained at large.

Balloonists deflated by robber

BALLOONISTS who landed in a playing field in Sheffield were confronted by a robber who broke one man's nose with a bottle, a court was told.

The balloon's owner, who had his ear slashed, vowed never to land in the city again after the attack by Mark Mitchell, who also stole a camera from a passenger.

Mitchell, 22, was jailed for 4½ years by Sheffield Crown Court yesterday after he admitted robbery, assault with intent to rob and unlawful wounding. Tustion Lody, for the defence, said Mitchell, unemployed, of Richmond, Sheffield, had been drinking and taking drugs because of a personal crisis.

The balloon's owner, David Ling, 54, who runs the Nottingham-based Adventure Balloons, said: "In 12 years of flying I have landed in Sheffield only twice. But never again. It was a terrifying incident."

A police spokesman said: "These balloonists can come down anywhere in the world, even the wilds of Africa, and expect to find friendly assistance. But they had to choose this part of Sheffield to get a reception like this."

Brain scan shows Rhys is worse

BY A STAFF REPORTER

BRAIN SCANS have shown that the condition of three-year-old Rhys Daniels has deteriorated in the past few months. As the countdown begins to his second bone marrow transplant tomorrow, his father Barry said yesterday that brain scans last week had indicated severe abnormality.

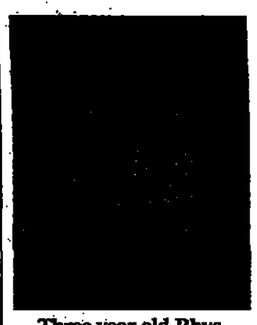
The results were worse than those from similar tests taken in February after it was realised that his world-first transplant had been unsuccessful. Now Barry and his wife Carmen, from Epping, Essex, are praying for the success of the next transplant in the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Bristol.

They know it is Rhys's last chance to combat the rare genetic disorder Batten's Disease, which causes dementia, blindness and eventually death. No child with the condition has survived beyond the age of eight.

Rhys's sister Charly, six, is dying from it. As Barry sat by his son's bedside he said: "I am shattered. I am clinging to my son and praying that he can be saved.

"The tests in February showed slight abnormality but last week's results showed a continued downward slide. The underlying picture is that the Batten's Disease is working behind the scenes, although there are no clinical features at this stage."

Rhys is undergoing chemotherapy to reduce his body's immune system for the transplant procedure involving an unrelated donor. He is in a sealed isolation unit in the hospital, which specialises in transplants for children.



Three-year-old Rhys. His sister is dying

Stars give drama student £15,000

BY ANDREW PIERCE

THE generosity of stage and screen stars has saved a schoolboy's place at a London stage school. Sir Anthony Hopkins, John Thaw, Nigel Hawthorne and Timothy West were among those who rallied round after they received a "cheeky" begging letter from James Russell, who was unable to afford the fees.

The 18-year-old from Bradford, who has always wanted to be an actor, hoped his letter might raise several hundred pounds towards the £18,000 cost of the three-year course at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. It brought in £15,000.

Sir Anthony agreed in a letter written by his wife to give £2,000 a year from his own charitable foundation, which helps aspiring young people. He also wrote to say he would like to watch James perform at the academy. Timothy West sent a handwritten letter and a cheque for £2,000. Edward Woodward telephoned James at his home to offer £100 and also promised to watch him.

The actors, who once struggled to pay their own bills, were impressed by the teenager's ingenuity in raising cash after Bradford Council refused to provide a grant, because the academy is private.

His parents had offered to sell their house and to buy something smaller but James, who beat 2,000 applicants for one of the 30 places at the academy, insisted on finding the money himself.

The letter writing took two months to complete on the dining room table of his parents' isolated farmhouse and cost £133 in stamps.

In the letter, which he sent to 600 artists, he wrote: "I have decided to step up my campaign and appeal to what may, at this rate, become a rare breed in Britain, the thespian. If I can find a substantial number of you wonderful, selfless, stupendous and generous individuals willing to sponsor me for either £10 a year, or £30 over three years at drama school, I will be able to raise the necessary funds to pay for my course.

"I therefore put it to you, please, please, please could you spare the odd quid for a poor young, cheeky, but loveable apprentice of this great profession?"

Michael Palin sent £100 with a letter which read: "I thought your treatment by Bradford quite shabby — and your energy and enthusiasm encouraging." Jeremy Irons, another Oscar winner, who was already sponsoring a young actor, sent a complaint to the council.

Nigel Hawthorne sent £500; John Thaw and Kenneth Branagh £50; and Matthew Kelly, the television presenter, £100. Lesley Joseph, of *Birds of a Feather*, a former pupil at the academy, gave £100 and told James: "I know how hard it can be." Sir Derek Jacobi wished him "great good luck".

James hopes to raise the remaining £3,000 by staging a show at an amateur theatre in Bingley, West Yorkshire, where he will perform songs from *Les Miserables*.

He said: "It's incredible the way people responded. I couldn't believe it when Anthony Hopkins sent the money and said he'd be coming to a show. People have been fantastic. They were impressed that I had got off my backside and tried to do something myself."

He added that he felt like a beggar sending out the letters. "It was ridiculous that I had to resort to this, but the local authority wouldn't even send me an application form for a grant."

His mother Norma, a nurse, said: "We are so proud of him because he has worked so hard. James was determined to do this for himself. We will have to find a lot more money to pay for board and lodgings and his books. We will live off bread and jam to pay for it if we have to."



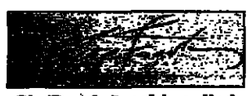
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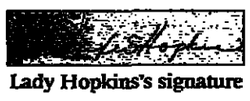
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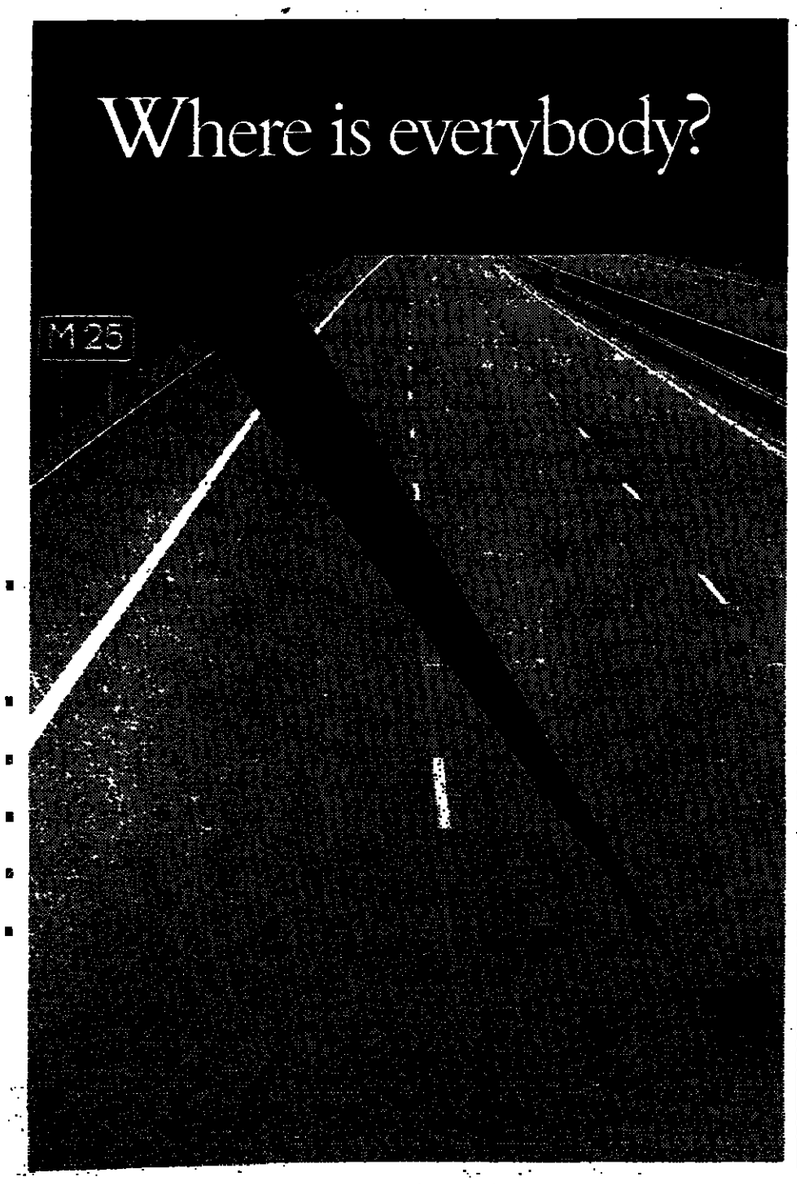
Hopkins: £2,000 a year from his foundation



Sir Derek Jacobi replied



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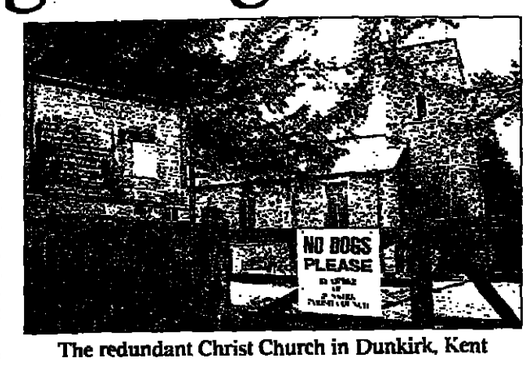
By Dominic Kennedy

TOMBSTONES have been smashed and removed from a village graveyard after the church was bought by an architect.

The destruction was discovered by a 77-year-old man taking flowers in memory of his brother, who died of tuberculosis contracted during five years in Nazi prisoner-of-war camps. William Lusted, whose brother Hubert died aged 28 in 1947, said: "I am incensed. My brother died as a direct result of privations endured as a prisoner of war: so much so that the neighbouring parish accepted it as a war death and have his name on their war memorial."

The tombstones of Mr Lusted's parents have also been removed from their graves in an area of the churchyard which was sold, with the redundant Dunkirk Christ Church in Kent, to John Green in 1989.

A search of Land Registry records yesterday showed that there is a covenant preventing the removal of tombstones without permission of the Church Commissioners. Mr Green and his wife Pamela signed an agreement in 1989 "not to remove or disturb or permit the removal or disturbance of any tombstone, monument or memorial on the said property without the consent of the Commissioners after consultation with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in appropriate circumstances".



The redundant Christ Church in Dunkirk, Kent

Anne Dickens, of the Church Commissioners, stated that they had not given their consent. "There is a clear procedure he has to go through to vary the covenants," she said. "That covenant is obviously part of a legal document. He has been told by members of our staff that on more than one occasion. People have visited the site with Mr Green with a copy."

Mr Green paid £22,500 for the 1840 listed building after the Church Commissioners gave a written assurance to parishioners. He is converting it into a family home, with the land to be used as a garden.

He said he believed he had been "totally compliant" with the conditions. "If we haven't been and somebody pointed that out legally I would be hurt and surprised and I suppose we would have to make some sort of reparation."

Vaughan Howland, a farmer and shopkeeper who has chaired Dunkirk parish council for 20 years, said his brother, aunt and four grandparents were buried in the churchyard. Like most of the graves, his family's had now been levelled: the headstones removed, smashed and piled in a corner of the plot "like rubble".

The parish council has written to the Queen and the Archbishop of Canterbury asking for their help. James Fraser, 30, said the marble flower holder marking his great-uncle's grave had vanished. He said: "This has relevance to other churches being declared redundant, and the promises made about how they will be looked after."

Since 1969, more than 1,350 English churches had been made redundant and in each case provision had been made for graves and gravestones.

Miss Dickens said the action at Dunkirk was "very unusual. There has obviously been a misunderstanding."

MALCOLM GANDERTON


William Lusted with part of his brother Hubert's headstone. His parents' stones have also been removed

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Boom time for private security companies

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

BRITAIN'S private security workforce has grown by 44 per cent in seven years and now outstrips the number of police officers, according to a research paper published today.

Numbers rose from 112,500 in 1985 to 162,000 at the end of 1992 while the total strength of all police forces, including the Metropolitan Police, has remained at about 140,000 in recent years, the report for the Economic and Social Research Council shows.

The number of companies involved in security work has also risen by 30 per cent over the same seven-year period to reach 7,842.

Details of the growth of the private security industry come at a time when there is growing debate about the future tasks of the police, and fears by police leaders that the Home Office is turning increasingly towards privatisation.

The numbers of security staff are based on official records of the labour force. The researchers also examined a BT database on companies to reach a total figure for security companies.

Tim Newburn, one of the researchers, said yesterday that the security industry was likely to continue to grow and make a significant impact on everday lives while remaining unregulated.

At the end of 1992 there were 2,644 companies providing security patrols, guards and equipment. Another 1,978 provided burglar alarms and security systems, while a further 721 operated as private investigators. There were also 454 debt-collecting agencies and 197 credit investigation firms.

Police cash shortage puts public at risk

By Our Crime Correspondent

THE South Wales police force is so seriously underfunded that it may soon be unable to protect the public and carry out its duties properly, a Home Office inspector of constabulary said yesterday.

If the force did not get more cash it may be denied a Home Office certificate of efficiency, forcing Whitehall to intervene.

On his tour the inspector, Brian Hayes, former chief constable of Surrey, found one police office so damp that condensation ran down the walls and police papers were sodden. The 24-vehicle fleet could not be repaired or replaced because there was no cash. Cars were cannibalised to keep others on the road.

Equal opportunities training had been halted, recruitment had been stopped despite there being 25 vacancies and promotions had been frozen.

Each year the cash for new vehicles was 47 per cent below what was needed. Unless money was found to improve the fleet, the operational ability of the force and the safety of officers would be at risk, he said.

The force has been the centre of a long dispute between Whitehall and local authorities. Last year the force warned the Government that it could not afford the extra expense of royal visits and said that some police stations would have to close to save money. Earlier this year officers and civilian staff passed a vote of no confidence in the police authority.

Mr Hayes, who inspected the force in February, said: "Great care will have to be exercised in the immediate future to ensure the force continues to be efficient."

Woman collapses in M-way home

By Andrew Pierce

DOLLY Watson, who is fighting eviction from the lifelong home that is blocking a £250 million road scheme, collapsed yesterday and was taken to hospital.

As the ambulance arrived, Miss Watson, who is 93 today, asked protesters against the M11 link to protect the home she was born in. Some have moved into the two-bedroom terrace house in Claremont Road, Leytonstone, east London, to try to repel the bulldozers.

The Transport Department would not say whether it would try to demolish the privately rented house in the absence of Miss Watson, who is being treated at Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, for a suspected mild stroke. Friends claim that doctors think stress contributed to her collapse. One section of her street has been demolished.

Miss Watson was found in her hallway yesterday morning by three of the demonstrators who have moved into the street since it became the focus of protest against the development. She was able to drink tea and talk to them before being taken to hospital. She hopes to return to her home.

She has been offered £1,500 compensation for her home. She says she has not been offered alternative accommodation. Angus Richardson, a solicitor representing the objectors, blamed the poor state of the house for her collapse.

"We have had negotiations with the Department of Transport over her intended eviction and are all set to serve an injunction order if they try to throw her out of her childhood home. We are desperately trying to relocate Dolly in a new house," he said.

Responsibility for rehousing Miss Watson, once she is made homeless, will fall on her local authority, Waltham Forest Council. However, it will not act until she has left her home. A council spokeswoman said: "We have a duty to rehouse anyone who is made homeless. We would hope to be able to provide suitable accommodation."

The Department of Transport said rehousing Miss Watson was out of their remit and added: "We do not discuss individual cases."

Decline in A-level science revives call for change

By Ben Preston
Education Correspondent

■ Critics say a broader curriculum is needed to stop maths and science becoming the preserve of the brightest pupils

THE falling popularity of A-level science and mathematics and the continued failure of AS levels to attract students prompted fresh demands yesterday for reform of the sixth-form curriculum.

The national breakdown of this summer's results showed a sharp fall in the number of students taking A-level physics — down 5.8 per cent after a fall of almost 10 per cent last year — and mathematics, down about 6 per cent.

The slump comes in spite of government attempts to encourage more students to specialise in science and amid warnings that state schools risk falling into a spiral of decline as a generation of poor teachers fails to inspire pupils.

Overall, the increase in the popularity of A levels continued. Although the number of entries fell about 0.4 per cent to 728,851, this was in the context of a 4 per cent drop in the age group.

Entries for business studies showed the greatest increase, up 9.9 per cent. Economics showed the steepest decline, down 15 per cent after a 10 per cent fall last year. The AS level, worth half an A level and designed to encourage pupils to broaden their study, shows little sign of establishing itself after six years.

For the third successive year there was little change in the number of AS-level entries, down 600 to 53,535. Pass-rates improved slightly with 72.8 per cent gaining grades A to E, against 82.9 per cent for A levels.

Eric Forth, education minister, congratulated schools and students on their performance. In a statement, he avoided mention of falling science entries but acknowledged there had been a "levelling out" in AS entries.

Mr Forth emphasised the value of vocational A levels — general national vocational qualifications — in meeting the Government's target of teenagers obtaining two or more A-levels, or their equivalent, by the end of the decade.

Critics seized on the results to attack ministers' strategy of relying on AS levels to stop pupils specialising in a limited range of subjects too early, while leaving A levels unchanged.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said entries for mathematics and science were being allowed to free fall. "This has potentially serious consequences for engineering and other science-based higher education courses as well as for the country's economic future." Mr Hart said AS levels were a "dead duck" and urged a rethink of the 16-plus curriculum.

Ann Parkin, chief executive of the Standing Conference on Schools' Science and Technology, said the results showed the need for a broader sixth-form curriculum. "A levels are extremely good for a small group of bright pupils. But we are neglecting the middle ground, pupils who perceive science and maths as difficult subjects and shy away from them. As a modern economy we cannot afford to do that."

The Department for Education said the number of AS-level entries was disappointing and said it was consulting on possible reforms to revive science and mathematics. The 6.2 per cent rise in biology entries was described as encouraging.

☐ Bluffers plotting the path of least resistance to a university place should study the more obscure foreign languages, Welsh or classics at A level.

The results show dramatic differences in the pass-rates and grades in different subjects. Almost seven out of ten of those who sat Chinese, Urdu and Russian gained the A, B and C grades that effectively stamp their passport to university, compared with just 40 per cent of those who sat computing or business studies. Sixty-five per cent of classicists achieved grades A to C, but fewer than half reached the same benchmark in biology, economics, geography and history. A quarter of mathematics candidates achieved the top grade.

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A-LEVEL RESULTS BY GRADE AND PERCENTAGE

	A	B	C	D	E	N	U	Number Sat	% of total No Sat
Art and Design subjects	17.6 (13.4)	19.3 (18.4)	23.1 (22.7)	19.5 (21.1)	12.7 (14.9)	5.7 (7.0)	2.1 (2.5)	34717 (35312)	4.8 (4.8)
Biology	13.8 (13.0)	15.4 (15.4)	16.8 (15.8)	17.2 (17.2)	15.9 (16.0)	10.8 (11.5)	10.1 (11.1)	50685 (47748)	7.0 (6.5)
Business studies	8.6 (6.0)	14.9 (14.5)	19.5 (18.9)	21.4 (22.1)	17.5 (18.5)	10.4 (10.3)	9.4 (9.6)	24920 (22678)	3.4 (3.1)
Chemistry	18.0 (16.5)	18.6 (18.3)	16.4 (16.0)	14.8 (15.6)	13.2 (13.2)	9.5 (9.8)	9.5 (10.3)	41226 (40975)	5.7 (5.6)
Classical subjects	22.0 (19.9)	22.1 (23.0)	21.0 (22.1)	15.5 (16.0)	10.1 (9.9)	5.1 (4.7)	4.2 (4.4)	8196 (8431)	1.1 (1.1)
Computing	10.5 (9.5)	12.5 (13.1)	17.0 (16.6)	19.6 (19.9)	17.6 (18.5)	11.9 (12.4)	10.9 (10.0)	9586 (9703)	1.3 (1.3)
Economics	13.6 (11.8)	15.2 (14.7)	16.5 (15.3)	17.5 (17.2)	15.6 (16.3)	10.8 (11.8)	10.8 (12.9)	30885 (36428)	4.2 (5.0)
English	13.5 (12.9)	19.0 (18.1)	21.6 (20.3)	20.8 (21.0)	14.5 (15.3)	6.9 (7.5)	3.7 (4.9)	87896 (89238)	11.9 (12.0)
French	19.8 (18.6)	17.7 (17.3)	19.1 (19.5)	17.4 (18.5)	13.5 (13.6)	7.8 (7.6)	4.7 (4.9)	29101 (29886)	4.0 (4.1)
General studies	12.2 (10.5)	16.7 (16.8)	17.3 (13.7)	18.7 (15.6)	15.4 (15.4)	10.8 (12.0)	8.9 (16.0)	53633 (54858)	7.4 (7.5)
Geography	12.5 (11.8)	17.0 (16.7)	18.1 (17.8)	18.5 (19.2)	14.7 (15.7)	9.5 (9.9)	9.7 (9.1)	46339 (48479)	6.4 (6.3)
German	21.5 (21.0)	18.8 (19.4)	18.7 (18.8)	17.0 (16.3)	13.1 (12.3)	6.9 (7.4)	4.0 (4.8)	10858 (10857)	1.5 (1.5)
History	13.4 (12.5)	16.5 (16.9)	19.8 (19.2)	19.2 (19.6)	14.7 (14.8)	8.7 (8.7)	7.7 (8.3)	44787 (46274)	6.1 (6.3)
Home economics	9.9 (9.4)	13.3 (14.3)	21.8 (20.2)	23.2 (23.2)	15.9 (16.5)	8.8 (8.3)	7.1 (8.1)	3317 (3485)	0.5 (0.6)
Mathematics	25.3 (24.3)	18.0 (17.0)	16.4 (15.7)	13.9 (14.0)	10.9 (11.5)	7.6 (7.8)	7.9 (9.7)	61728 (66340)	8.5 (9.0)
Music	17.9 (16.3)	19.0 (16.9)	23.9 (22.2)	19.9 (19.4)	11.2 (13.8)	5.5 (6.7)	2.6 (4.7)	5799 (55.9)	0.8 (0.8)
+Other modern languages	24.3 (22.1)	24.5 (24.8)	19.8 (19.0)	14.2 (14.2)	8.1 (9.8)	4.6 (5.5)	4.5 (3.8)	4507 (4478)	0.6 (0.6)
Physics	18.0 (16.7)	15.7 (15.9)	16.7 (16.3)	16.7 (16.9)	15.1 (14.4)	10.2 (10.3)	7.6 (9.5)	35959 (38168)	4.9 (5.2)
Religious studies	12.0 (12.7)	16.4 (14.3)	21.7 (19.8)	20.9 (20.9)	14.8 (13.6)	7.0 (6.1)	7.2 (10.6)	8696 (8574)	1.2 (1.2)
=Science	10.3 (10.2)	14.9 (15.7)	17.5 (17.6)	20.4 (19.9)	16.9 (16.7)	10.4 (9.7)	9.6 (10.2)	5582 (5519)	0.8 (0.8)
Social science subjects	9.9 (9.7)	15.7 (15.3)	18.4 (16.4)	17.0 (16.9)	15.2 (15.0)	10.4 (10.5)	15.4 (16.2)	78525 (76013)	10.8 (10.4)
Spanish	23.4 (21.1)	21.0 (19.9)	20.6 (18.8)	15.8 (16.8)	9.7 (11.7)	5.3 (6.6)	4.2 (5.1)	4755 (0)	0.7 (0.7)
Technology subjects	10.3 (10.3)	14.6 (13.5)	20.8 (20.6)	22.3 (21.4)	16.4 (17.0)	9.0 (10.1)	6.6 (7.1)	11080 (10934)	1.5 (1.5)
Welsh	15.9 (16.0)	25.3 (24.4)	27.2 (26.5)	19.3 (21.9)	8.8 (8.9)	2.9 (1.6)	0.6 (0.7)	906 (901)	0.1 (0.1)
All other subjects	10.3 (9.5)	16.1 (16.0)	20.1 (19.6)	20.7 (20.5)	15.6 (15.7)	8.8 (8.8)	8.4 (9.8)	35168 (30443)	4.8 (4.1)
TOTAL	14.7 (13.8)	17.0 (16.7)	18.7 (17.7)	18.1 (18.1)	14.4 (14.8)	8.9 (9.3)	8.2 (9.6)	728851 (734081)	100.0 (100.0)

= Science includes all science subjects except biology, chemistry and physics
+ Other modern languages includes all languages except French, German, Spanish and Welsh.
Results for 1993 are in parentheses.

'Standards threaten research'

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

POOR science teaching in schools could erode the performance of Britain's drug industry, a major contributor to better health and a great success in world markets.

Dr Trevor Jones, Director-General of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, has backed calls by the Office for Standards in Education for improvements in the teaching of science and mathematics in schools.

"I fully share the concerns raised by the Ofsted inspectors' report," Dr Jones said. "There is no doubt that many of us who have enjoyed successful scientific careers were encouraged into science at an early age through inspired teachers. We are fully prepared to play our part in encouraging young people and teachers. The Government must give science education its deserved high priority to develop the scientists of the 20th century."

☐ The ABPI published its "pill compendium" yesterday, a guide containing information leaflets which are distributed to patients with their medicines at pharmacies. More than 400 drugs are included in the guide with advice on how to take them and details of any side-effects.

Motorway massage aims to soothe away madness

PETER LOMAS



The close attention of two young ladies to Chris Hollis, a motorist from Bedford, is designed not to set his pulses racing, rather to rid him of the stress of motorway driving. Mr Hollis is being given a massage by Susan Farrer, left, and Cheryl Isherwood at the Pavilion services on the M6 at Forton, Lancashire (Kate Alderson writes).

Pavilion launched the scheme to rid drivers of "road rage" — otherwise known as the desire to murder others who cut them up or delay them. Drivers can have head, hands and neck massaged by the trained therapists, who also advise on neck and eye exercises, deep breathing and relaxation techniques.

The scheme evolved in France, which also features jazz and classical concerts, riding, swimming, shooting, fencing, golf and archery at service stations to try to tempt tired drivers to take a break.

Dr David Lewis, a consultant psychologist, devised the Pavilion scheme. He said stress was one of the biggest dangers on motorways. "Vehicles tend to make people behave differently. There are three major causes: being delayed, cut up by other drivers and driving fast. It is important that drivers take this seriously, if not it could only be a matter of time before murder on the motorway becomes a regular occurrence."

James Barton, a salesman from Cardiff taking his two small children on holiday, felt calmer after a massage: "Stress! You wouldn't believe it," he said. "I have been on the road for three hours with two toddlers in the back seats and there is a limit to how many games of I-spy you can play. Eventually you start to lose your temper and take risks. This calming down centre is a great idea."

Cockerel drives woman to bankruptcy

By Catherine Milton

A WOMAN who spent £30,000 in an unsuccessful attempt to defend her cockerel's right to crow has declared herself bankrupt.

Margery Johns, of Stoke, Devon, went to court when her neighbour John Ritchings complained that her cockerel, Corky, made too much noise and was waking him at dawn with his crowing.

Mrs Johns, 54, said she had declared herself bankrupt because she could not pay fees incurred during the legal battle. "They were going to drag me back through the courts and I could not stand it any longer," she said. The family home is in her husband's name and Mrs Johns has no assets of her own.

The battle over Corky lasted two years. Mr Ritchings secured a noise abatement order from Torridge District Council in 1991 after efforts to quieten Corky failed. The order was overturned by Bideford magistrates in 1992 but Mr Ritchings had taken out a civil action against Mrs Johns before the magistrates' ruling and won a temporary injunction against Corky's crowing. The injunction was finally made permanent at Taunton County Court in March 1992.

The case left Mrs Johns with a £9,000 bill from her own solicitor and a £23,000 bill from Mr Ritchings, who had hired a barrister for the Taunton hearing.



Margery Johns with her early riser cockerel Corky

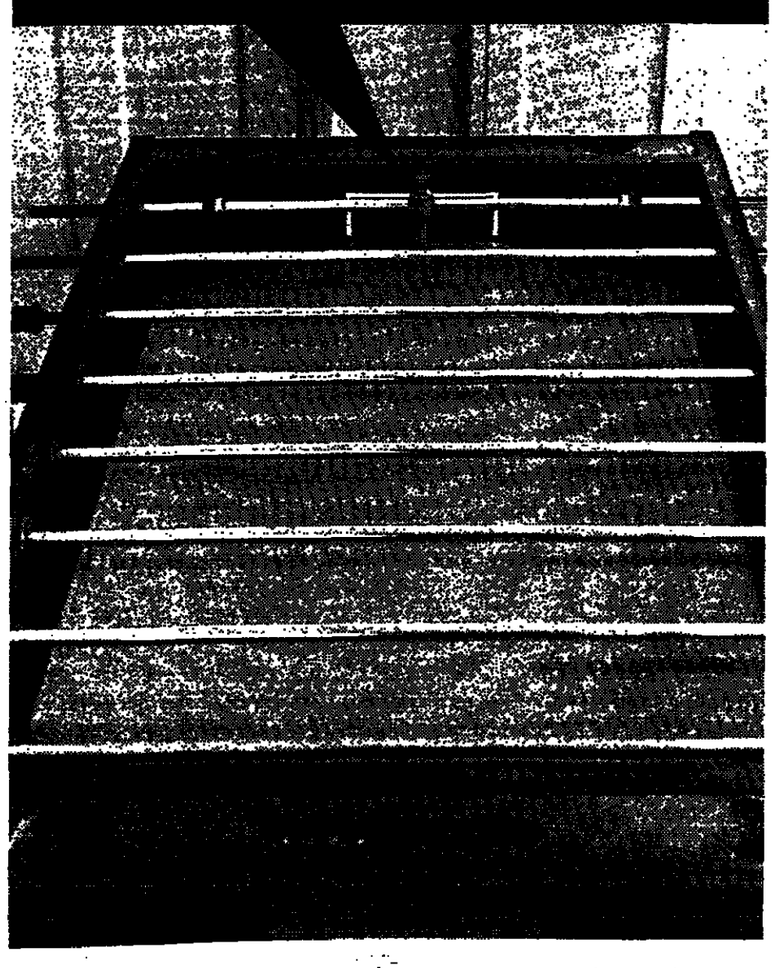
Since the court case Corky, who has now become a celebrity, has been living near Mrs Johns at a farm near Clovelly, and making appearances to raise money towards the legal fees.

He is likely to return home soon. "He is coming back and I believe there will be no more problems because I have moved him three metres further away and improved the soundproofing," Mrs Johns said.

But she does not regret her stand: "I would definitely stand up for the principle that if a cow cannot moo and a cock cannot crow I don't know what the world is coming to."

Mr Ritchings said: "I have said that I hope we can come to some amicable arrangement but should the cockerel become a nuisance I will not hesitate to go back to the courts."

Where is everybody?



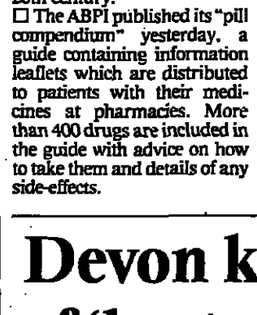
Devon killer told of 'bastard in me'

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

ALAN Conner, the drifter who killed a seaside waitress in Devon, said he was sorry about the murder but blamed "the bastard inside me" in a suicide note.

The note is expected to be disclosed today at an inquest in Huntingdon near the scene of his death. Conner also praised Sandra Parkinson's brothers for the way they had helped police and faced publicity after the murder.

Police sources confirmed yesterday that Conner named Miss Parkinson in the note and said: "I'm sorry, it wasn't me. It was the bastard inside me." He described her brothers Gary and Graham Parkinson as "brave" for coming down from Scotland to Devon to face the press.



Conner: suicide note found beside him

Conner, 32, and a convicted rapist originally from Yorkshire, was found hanged from a tree in a field outside Huntingdon. He is reported to have added to the note that he had chosen a "crap tree because I do not want to ruin a nice one". The note shows that Conner followed the publicity surrounding the murder near Salcombe in July as he moved east across the country. Remorse began to eat at him but he was still trying to find an excuse for what he had done.

By the time he was dead, police had discovered from DNA tests that he had also raped a retired magistrate in Ludlow, Shropshire, on Christmas Eve, 1992. This was not mentioned in the note.

It was the second known rape he had carried out. In 1990 he was released from jail after serving four years for the rape of a 16-year-old near his home in South Yorkshire. Police are checking to see whether he could have been involved in six more murders and another 27 rapes.

Conner is thought to have gone back to prison between 1990 and 1994 for burglary convictions. He broke into libraries and schools in search of petty cash.

In February 1991 he was convicted and jailed at Shrewsbury and came out of prison in June 1992. Later that year he was in the Bedfordshire area and police suspect he might have been the rapist who attacked a Salvation Army worker on her way home in Stotfold in October 1992.

In 1993 he was arrested by police at Newark for burglary. Bedfordshire officers questioned him about a series of five burglaries earlier in the year which he admitted. They did not then suspect him of the rape.

Conner appeared before Huntingdon magistrates last May and was convicted and fined for a minor burglary.

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Delays on the line derail passengers' telephone inquiries

BY CATHERINE MILTON

TRAIN travellers receive a deplorable service from British Rail's telephone inquiry offices, a passenger watchdog body said yesterday.

Passengers struggle to get through to most offices, only to find that many give inaccurate information, a survey for the Central Rail Users' Consultative Committee found.

BR said that it would try to improve standards at the offices, which the users' group said have become more important as more stations are run without staff. Major General Lennox Napier, its chairman, said: "I found last year's results shockingly poor and, despite promises that improvements would be made, this year's survey has revealed an even more deplorable state of affairs.

"It is nothing short of scandalous that passengers experience these sorts of problems getting through to the offices and, on top of that, are then given wholly incorrect information."

The survey found that only 10 per cent of the 43 offices gave correct details on delays to services because of engineering works, despite receiving advance information.

Offices at London Waterloo, Derby and Doncaster were permanently engaged and researchers failed to reach them during the survey. Only 50 per cent of the offices answered within the target time of 30 seconds. Almost half could not be contacted at the first attempt, with 7 per cent of calls abandoned after the lines had rung for two minutes.

Major General Napier said: "Passengers rightly assume that the information they receive will be correct. Once en route, their discovery that they will arrive later than planned will cause many to avoid using rail in future. There is an urgent need for swift action to remedy the atrocious service provided at present."

British Rail agreed the services "were not meeting standards" and said that urgent discussion with train-operating companies were planned. Frank Dobson, the shadow Transport Secretary, blamed the poor service on selling rail franchises. He called on Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, to intervene to "save" the telephone inquiry services.

"We predicted passengers would suffer as the process of privatisation fragmented the railways," Mr Dobson said. "This is yet another example. This just shows how the bosses of each fragment feel no responsibility to the rest or to the national travelling public."

The rail users' group said that its predecessor, the Central Transport Consultative Committee, showed BR the "extremely disappointing" results of a survey it had carried out last year and had hoped that promised "remedial action" would have improved standards.

A spokesman for the watchdog body said it was "appalled that instead of improving, the general level of service provided by the train enquiry offices has worsened considerably".

The survey had not sought details about particularly complex or unlikely journeys.

Clerk resigns over unhelpful helpline

BY CATHERINE MILTON

A CLERK with British Rail resigned from his £12,000-a-year job at London Waterloo's telephone inquiry bureau in protest at its poor service to the public.

David Lilley, 44, said: "I loved my job but I just could not stand the way some colleagues treated the public. They would take calls and then spend ages responding to simple inquiries, doing the crossword or making tea, leaving the person hanging on."

One woman inquiring about trains to Gatwick was left waiting for 45 minutes without getting an answer. Mr Lilley, a former Guardsman, said: "I took many calls from people who had got through with difficulty and then not got the information they needed. Understandably they were annoyed. It was very stressful for me." The bureau handles six million calls annually from all over the country.

Mr Lilley said he had complained to senior staff but the situation had not improved. South Eastern, the rail operator which runs the Waterloo bureau, said it was investigating Mr Lilley's allegations and had moved to improve services.

A spokesman said: "At the moment we are around 20 staff short in the bureau and a recruitment drive and training is going on."

Ticket inspector case halted

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BRITISH Rail ticket inspector accused of attacking a passenger with a piece of pipe was formally cleared yesterday after it emerged that his alleged victim had convictions for violence under another name.

Southwark Crown Court was told that Kevin David, 29, who claimed he was covered with blood after being beaten with a length of metal-covered shower hose, had a string of convictions under his birth name, David Exford.

Discharging the jury and entering a formal verdict of not guilty against Eric Daniel, 62, Judge Rogers said he was halting the trial because the information that had come to light was "absolutely fundamental".

Brendan Kelly, for the prosecution, had claimed Mr Daniel launched the unprovoked attack at King's Cross station, London, last January after a dispute over a ticket. Yesterday he told the court he only learnt the truth about the alleged victim the previous afternoon. The Crown now viewed the trial as "untenable" and did not seek a retrial.

The judge said if the truth about Exford, from Luton, had been known from the start, it would have materially altered the way the case was put.

He made clear that he felt a "considerable amount of concern" that a man of Mr Daniel's previous good character, age and responsibility should brandish such a piece of pipe in public. But in all the circumstances, he had decided not to bind him over.

Turning to Exford, a service engineer, he said that while he could have brought contempt of court proceedings against him, he felt the message had got through to him.



PAUL SANDERS

Denise Sulieman, who leaves for Libya today with nine other mothers at the invitation of Colonel Gaddafi

Mothers fly to see snatched children

BY ROBI DUTTA

A WOMAN whose three children were snatched by her estranged Libyan husband is flying to the Middle East today at the invitation of Colonel Muammar Gaddafi.

Denise Sulieman, from Clitheroe, Lancashire, is hoping to see Omar, 9, Aysha, 8, and Saphia, 6, who were abducted four years ago. She last saw them more than 18 months ago and is afraid they will not speak English.

Mrs Sulieman is one of ten British mothers making the three-week trip, which was authorised by the Libyan leader after several months of negotiations. Some of the women have not seen their sons and daughters since they were taken and they will ask the Libyan government to put pressure on their estranged husbands to allow their children to come to Britain for holidays.

Colonel Gaddafi is paying for their stay and Recovery, a charity set up in January to help parents to trace their abducted children, is contributing to air fares.

Mrs Sulieman, director of Recovery, criticised the Government for not helping the women more. She said: "There has been nothing from the Government. I have been extremely hurt by their lack of action. If they wanted to help, I'm sure they could have done so by now."

Mrs Sulieman was nervous about her estranged husband's reaction. She said Salem had telephoned her repeatedly over the past fortnight, threatening her with violence if she went to Libya. He also said that he would hide the children.

She said that her last visit to Libya was traumatic as she had to stay with her estranged husband and his new wife in the desert. Saphia, who was 22 months old when she was taken, greeted her in Arabic.

"Aysha was in tears, begging me to take her home. She asked me if she hid under the bed, could I take her back with me."

The children were abducted while the family were on holiday in Tunisia. Mrs Sulieman said that her husband drugged her coffee and, when she woke 18 hours later, he had taken the children across the border into Libya, leaving her with few clothes and no money.

Mrs Sulieman said her husband threatened her with a gun on one occasion in Libya. "He was horrified when I turned up. He said: 'How could a woman come into my country without my permission?' "

Mrs Sulieman said she had borrowed money from her parents to pay £10,000 to an Americano man, who had claimed on a Channel 4 programme that he was a detective who had remained parents with the children. The man later demanded more money to get her three children out of Libya. Mrs Sulieman, who had sold her house, could not afford it.

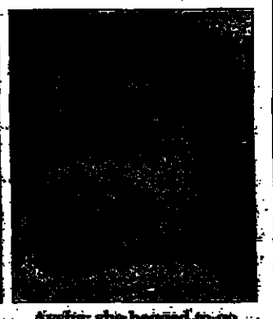
The Foreign Office said yesterday that it welcomed the initiative. A spokesman admitted that its own efforts had met with a "lack of success" but denied that the Government was disinterested in the case. He said: "It is a difficult situation in the country has different laws. The impetus has been taken up by the Libyans."



Saphia: greeted mother in Arabic on last visit



Omar: at 9 the eldest of the Sulieman children



Aysha: she begged to go back with Mrs Sulieman

Slip in the snow wins £14,000

A window cleaner who slipped on snow as he climbed down his ladder has been awarded £14,000 damages because a judge ruled the owner should have cleared the doorstep.

Judge Crawford in Newcastle upon Tyne County Court ruled that homeowners had an obligation to clear away snow if they knew they were likely to be having visitors. He said: "I don't think that is an unreasonable duty to place upon an occupier."

Insurers for the owner, Joel Intract, who died before the action came to court, have paid the £14,000 to Bill Nisbet, 61, who fractured his kneecap.

Troops head for Hungary

A company from the Coldstream Guards flies to Hungary next month for a three-week joint training exercise.

British troops made their first foray behind the old Iron Curtain in May to exercise with Polish forces.

Spy saga

An anonymous collector paid £1,200 at Phillips' in Glasgow for a leather-bound limited edition version of the James Bond book *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*, signed by the author Ian Fleming. It had been bought second-hand for a few pence 30 years ago by an Edinburgh man.

Wedding bail

Richard Jackson, 32, from Wakefield, who is charged with killing an elderly motorist during an argument, had his bail conditions changed by magistrates at Pontefract, West Yorkshire, to allow him to get married.

Perfect pitch

Two men selling counterfeit cassette tapes were arrested after setting up a stall at the Cleveland County Show in between the local police's crime prevention tent and a display by trading standards officers.

PCs injured

Two police officers needed hospital treatment after being sprayed in the face with a substance believed to be ammonia by a man in North Weald, Essex, who then made off.

Sparks fly

Robert Kennedy, of Stainforth, South Yorkshire, escaped unhurt after slicing through an 11,000 volt electricity cable with his garden fork.

Museum raid

Antique watches and watch cases worth about £100,000 were stolen in a break-in at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge.

Lonely Hearts

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Bored youth died after drink and drug binge

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A COMPANY director's son died from a cocktail of drugs after a weekend binge while his parents were on holiday. Luke Leach, 17, from Oxford, took a mixture of cocaine, Ecstasy, methadone and strong lager because he was "bored and broke", an Oxford inquest was told yesterday.

The teenager, who was studying for his GCSE examinations, died after drinking from a litre bottle of methadone, a heroin substitute, which he bought from an unknown dealer. He was found dead in bed at his home by two friends on May 9.

The inquest heard that Luke invited Joe Tan, a friend, to stay for the weekend. They met two friends for a pub crawl before going to a nightclub and an all-night party where Luke took cocaine, an Ecstasy tablet and carried on drinking until 7am. The four friends later met up in a pub in Headington, Oxford.

Mark Jakeman, of Oxford, told the hearing: "We were all bored and had no money. Luke was on about getting some methadone and went out for half an hour. It was just a case of boredom. We were basically just skint and it was cheap and around."

Mr Jakeman said they later returned to Luke's home, drank canned beer and watched videos. He left with a friend at midnight, leaving Luke "drowsy and out of it". Mr Tan woke up the next afternoon and found his friend dead in bed.

Nicholas Gardiner, the Oxfordshire coroner, recorded an open verdict.

First private road schemes put in gear

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE first four road schemes to be designed, built, financed and operated by the private sector were announced yesterday by the Government.

Companies will be invited to compete for the work, including much-needed bypasses and road-widening, which could start next summer.

The contractors will be responsible for managing and maintaining the roads for 15 to 20 years. They will get their investment back in the form of shadow tolling, a system under which the Government will pay the operator according to the amount of traffic travelling on the road.

John Watts, railways and roads minister, said: "The private sector will be able to apply their skills and judgment of risk to the delivery and management of publicly authorised schemes. The City and industry have already shown great enthusiasm for greater involvement with roads. Now is their opportunity to show us what they can do."

There was caution, however, from the British Road Federation. It said: "Private finance can speed up much-needed road schemes, but it is not a magic wand that can wave away all investment problems."

The schemes open to private firms are:

☐ The 19-mile, £190 million M1-A1 Yorkshire link road, which bypasses Leeds and connects with the M1 and M62 south of Leeds and the A1 south of Wetherby;

☐ The £145 million widening of the A1 between Alconbury and Peterborough to bring it up to motorway standard;

☐ The £35 million, 34-mile A419/A417 trunk road between Swindon and Gloucester, including a bypass for Cirencester and dualling of the existing road between Stratton and Nettleton;

☐ The 53-mile, £10 million A69 Haltwhistle bypass and management of the A69 between Carlisle and Newcastle.

The Archers tune in to badger culling

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 1,000 badgers are being culled every year by the Ministry of Agriculture on suspicion of infecting cattle with tuberculosis, even though there is no proof that they are the culprits.

The Prince of Wales came under fire earlier this month for allowing the slaughter of 15 badgers on his Highgrove estate in Gloucestershire after TB was found there. But the Prince, like many farmers before him, was merely acting on the advice of the men from Whitehall.

Now the scriptwriters of *The Archers*, the BBC's long-running soap opera about country folk, have stepped into the badger controversy. Phil Archer recently had to kill a tenth of his cattle after they tested positive for TB. Ambridge gossips are blaming the usual suspect.

But even the ministry's chief expert, Dr Chris Cheeseman, head of the wildlife diseases branch at the Central Science Laboratory, conceded that the case against the creature is at best an unproven hypothesis.

Dr Cheeseman said: "Badgers have been shown to be capable of infecting cattle with TB in laboratory experiments. We have no scientific proof, however, that they affect cattle in the field."

None of this impresses badger lovers. They point out that of the 1,094 badgers shot last year in what the ministry calls "badger removal operations", only 302 proved to be infected with TB on post-mortem examination.

Warren Cresswell, a mammal ecologist who represents the National Federation of Badger Groups on the ministry's consultative panel on badgers, said: "Twenty years of killing 1,000 badgers a year has not reduced cattle TB in any way.

"The ministry would do much better to devote the £750,000 it spends each year on needlessly killing badgers to perfecting a quick and reliable blood test for detecting TB in cattle."

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov's revenge

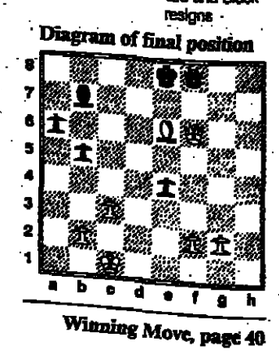
Garry Kasparov, the world champion, has lost three times this year to the young Russian grandmaster Vladimir Kramnik. Now, however, in the tournament in Novgorod, Kasparov has demolished Kramnik's favourite variation of the Sicilian Defence with three brilliant sacrifices.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Vladimir Kramnik
Novgorod, August 1994

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nc3	Nc6
3	Nge2	Nf6
4	d4	cxd4
5	Nxd4	e5
6	Ndb5	d6
7	Bg5	a6
8	Na3	b5
9	Nd5	Be7
10	Bxf6	Bxf6
11	c3	0-0
12	Nc2	Rb8
13	h4	Ne7
14	Nd4+	Qd6
15	Qd2	Bb7
16	Bd3	d5
17	exd5	Qxd5
18	0-0-0	e4
19	Be2	Qxa2
20	Qh6	Qe6
21	Nd4	Qb6
22	Rh3	Kh8
23	Bg4	Rg8
24	Ne6	Rg6
25	Qf4	Re8
26	Rd6	Nd5
27	h5	Nxf4
28	hxg6	Qxd6
29	Rxh7+	Kg8
30	gxf7+	Kxh7
31	fxe8Q	Nxe6
32	Bf5+	Kg7
33	Qg6+	Kf8
34	Qxf6+	Ke8
35	Bxe6	Qf8 and Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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Mother in Clinton crime plea was sought by police

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE mother of a murdered boy who appeared with President Clinton on Monday to plead for passage of the anti-crime Bill was arrested after she returned home to a suburb of New Orleans as a fugitive from justice.

Janice Payne, 29, was being sought at the time of her White House visit for breaking the terms of her probation after her conviction for possession of cocaine and Darvocet, a tightly controlled synthetic narcotic.

Police tracked down Ms Payne after they saw a newspaper photograph of her with Mr Clinton. She surrendered to them and was booked at the police station, but immediately released because of jail overcrowding to await a court hearing. The district attorney's office said a warrant for her arrest was issued last September after she broke the terms of her probation.

Ms Payne was one of three relatives of murder victims who appeared with Mr Clinton for a nationally televised ceremony in the Rose Garden. Her son, James Darby, 9, had written to Mr Clinton pleading with him to stop the killing on America's streets. He wrote: "I'm asking you nicely. I know you can do it. People is dead and I think that somebody might kill me." Nine days later James was shot dead in a drive-by shooting as he walked home with his mother. Two teenage brothers have been charged with murder.

Mr Clinton first brought James's death to the attention of Americans during his weekly radio address last weekend as he pleaded for Congress to reverse its vote against the crime Bill. Then he invited Ms Payne to speak at the White House, where she denounced the random violence that claimed her boy's life.

Questions were raised yesterday how someone with an outstanding arrest warrant could pass through all the Secret Service security checks. Dee Dee Myers, the President's spokeswoman, added to the mystery by refusing to say whether the White House knew about the warrant in advance.

Henry Hyde, a Republican congressman, said: "It doesn't say a great deal about White House security."

Mr Clinton took his first steps towards a compromise to save the crime Bill during a meeting with Republicans. Among possible concessions would be a cut of about 5 per cent in the Bill's social programmes and tinkering with the ban on semi-automatic assault weapons.

On healthcare reform, the Senate voted on its first amendment after seven days of debate, agreeing along party lines by 55 votes to 42 that private insurance companies must extend preventive care to pregnant women and children. It was a Clinton victory, but the Bill under debate may soon have to compete with another version written by a coalition of Republicans and moderate Democrats.

William Rees-Mogg, page 14



President Clinton and Janice Payne speaking in the Rose Garden of the White House on Monday



Phil Gramm, left, and Daniel Coates, second left, waiting for Republican colleagues to arrive at a conference attacking the Clinton healthcare Bill. One Republican brought an enlarged front page from *The Times* to support their case

Anti-Mafia hunters purged

Rome: Roberto Maroni, the Italian Interior Minister, has announced a sweeping purge of the national police force designed to reinvigorate the team of senior officers leading the battle against the Mafia (*John Phillips writes*).

Signor Maroni disclosed that Vincenzo Parisi, the national police commander for the past seven years, will take early retirement at the end of next year.

Guerrilla held

Caserta: Police say they have arrested Tammaro Marcello Dell'Omo, 28, a suspected member of the left-wing Red Brigades guerrilla group which carried out a series of attacks in Italy in the 1970s and early 1980s. He had been wanted since 1989. *(Reuter)*

Cash repairs

Moscow: Cobblers in the Russian city of Chelyabinsk have begun using the virtually worthless one-rouble copper coin to repair stiletto heels. They offer a discount if paid in coins. *(Reuter)*

Lion attack

Dos Rios: A woman at a northern California camp site killed a mountain lion with a kitchen knife after the 60lb animal attacked a group of campers and bit off her husband's thumb. *(AP)*

'Priest' arrested

Delhi: A man who posed as a Hindu priest who could cure infertility has been arrested and accused of raping 200 women and murdering eight people over a period of ten years. *(AP)*

Naked power

Berlin: Thomas Krüger, a Social Democrat candidate in the German federal elections, is campaigning for office by plastering the city with posters of himself in the nude with the slogan: "An honest politician with nothing to hide". *(Reuter)*

Election nerves grip Mexico's old guard

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MEXICO CITY

THE ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) is facing the biggest challenge in its 65-year reign in Mexico as it seeks re-election on Sunday.

The PRI, the world's longest ruling political party, is a greatly weakened force in spite of being clear favourite in the polls. That was evident when the party closed its campaign in Mexico City's Constitutional Square last Sunday.

At first sight it was an impressive gathering of upwards of 100,000 supporters wearing T-shirts, badges and caps, many bearing the name of the RPI candidate, the American-educated economist Ernesto Zedillo.

On closer inspection a large number did not appear to be too enthusiastic. "We're here for the free caps," said one man who was leading the rally just as Señor Zedillo began his speech. "If we don't show up we might be punished," said another who belonged to a state construction union. He was one of many people interviewed at the rally who admitted to being what are known as *Los Acarreados*, persons "impelled" to attend or face sanctions in their workplace.

The tactic is part of a long tradition in PRI politics and in the past has gone hand-in-hand with elaborate election fraud that has seen the party win with more than 80 per cent of the vote. This year promised to be different. Radical new electoral rules have been introduced under United Nations supervision, which most experts agree have created the best opportunity in Mexican history for free and fair elections.

But the PRI is nervous. The party is still using strong-arm tactics to ensure high turnouts at its rallies, and on election day it plans to have 295,132 representatives monitoring 96,000 polling booths across the country.

Brooklyn retrial stirs racial unrest

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A RIOT, a killing, a trial, an acquittal, and now a second more racially explosive trial: the events that have brought a 19-year-old black man back to New York to face civil rights charges in the killing of a Hasidic Jew during the 1991 Crown Heights riots seem grimly familiar—a New York version of the Los Angeles riots and their aftermath.

Lemrick Nelson Jr. is accused of murdering Yankel Rosenbaum, a visiting Australian rabbinical scholar, during the race riots that engulfed the streets of Brooklyn in August 1991 after a car driven by a Hasidic motorist swerved and killed a seven-year-old black child.

As the neighbourhood erupted in violence between gangs of blacks and Jews, Rosenbaum was fatally stabbed by a group of young blacks reportedly shouting: "Kill the Jew". Before he died, Rosenbaum identified Mr Nelson as his attacker and the youth confessed to police.

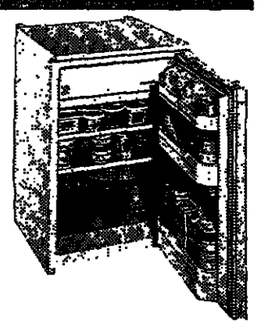
At his trial in 1992, however, Mr Nelson's lawyer argued that he had been wrongly identified by the dying student and that his confession had been coerced. Mr Nelson was acquitted.

After receiving death threats, Mr Nelson moved to Atlanta, Georgia. But under pressure from politicians and Jewish leaders, Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, ordered the case to be reopened and this week Mr Nelson was brought back to New York.

As with the second trial of four white Los Angeles policemen accused of beating black motorist Rodney King, prosecutors hope to sidestep the issue of double jeopardy by which an individual cannot be tried twice for the same crime. But a second trial is expected to increase racial tensions in Brooklyn, already simmering in the August heat.

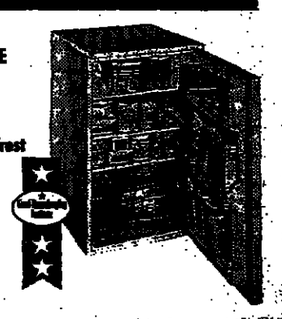
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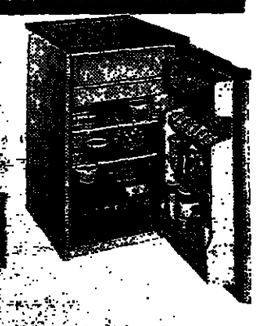
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Serb forces demand fuel for letting UN aid convoys through

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Bosnian Serb military command has threatened to block United Nations convoys from this morning unless the organisation provides badly needed fuel to the rebels' army.

Throughout the two-and-a-half year war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Serbs have demanded compensation from the UN and relief groups for letting food and supplies pass into besieged enclaves. The Serbs already collect far more UN relief aid than they need as a form of bribe for letting convoys through.

The most recent Serb demand, made in a letter to the UN on Tuesday, is seen as another test of the organisation's resolve. "That's blackmail and we won't comply," Major Rob Annink, the UN spokesman, said. "The amount [of fuel] does not matter."

UN convoys have to pass through Serb-held territory to reach Sarajevo and the eastern "safe areas" of Gorazde, Srebrenica and Zepa. Supplies for the Bosnian capital can be sent to the airport, but goods for the other enclaves — and the 1,500 UN troops stationed there — can be distributed only by road convoys.

Major Annink said it was possible that the Serb demand was in response to Serbia's recently imposed embargo against the Bosnian rebels. Petrol prices in Bosnian Serb-held territory have risen by as much as 100 per cent since Belgrade decided to cut off its former protégés in Bosnia two weeks ago. The prices of food and other supplies have remained largely unchanged.

Over the past few days, tanker lorries are reported to have crossed Serbia into Serb-held Bosnia, including six at Zvornik. The lorries are presumed to be carrying fuel.

In Sarajevo, there have still been frequent ceasefire violations despite the anti-sniping accord that took effect on Monday. Major Annink said, however, that the UN is encouraged by a drop in intensity of the sniper fire and no casualties had been no reported since the accord began. The UN has also reported clashes between the mainly Muslim Bosnian army and the Serbs just inside the heavy-weapons exclusion zone north of the city.

In western Bosnia, meanwhile, Fikret Abdic, the Muslim rebel leader, has proclaimed a unilateral ceasefire in the Bihac enclave, the UN announced yesterday. Mr Abdic, who declared Bihac autonomous last September, now controls only 20 per cent of the enclave. The truce took effect on Monday night and appears to be holding.

□ **Rome:** The Vatican announced yesterday that the Pope will visit Sarajevo on September 8. He also intends to go to Zagreb, the Croatian capital, on September 10 and 11. *(Reuter)*

Boy played games after murdering toddler

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A BOY of 14 who strangled and stoned to death a four-year-old playmate last year was convicted of murder by a New York court yesterday and now faces at least five years, and possibly life, behind bars.

The jury rejected claims that Eric Smith, 13 at the time of the killing, suffered from "intermittent explosive disorder" as a result of anti-epilepsy drugs taken by his mother during pregnancy.

A quiet, freckled-faced boy with round glasses and a thatch of red hair, Smith told police that he had lured the toddler, Derrick Robie, to woods near the town of Savona, New York, in August 1993 and killed him. After the murder he calmly washed his clothes, rode his bicycle, smoked cigarettes and played computer games.

Opposing a plea of insanity, prosecutors said Smith was a methodical and calculating killer.



Eric Smith, aged 14, standing in court after being convicted of the second-degree murder of a four-year-old. He faces at least five years and possibly life in prison

Sri Lanka Cabinet refuses to accept defeat

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN COLOMBO

THE United National Party in Sri Lanka has been defeated in one of the closest general elections in the island's history after 17 years in power. The party attempted to defy the result last night by urging small parties to join it in a minority coalition but failed after frantic manoeuvring.

The opposition People's Alliance, a coalition of parties from centrists to Trotskyists, claimed that it had 121 votes in the 225-seat parliament. Even as defeat became inevitable, the government remained reluctant to acknowledge it in the remote hope that it might yet enlist the support of some smaller parties. A curfew is to remain in force.

President Wijetunga said he would appoint as Prime Minister the person "who in my opinion is most likely to command the confidence of parliament", which should be Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, 49, the *de facto* opposition leader who is a member of one of Asia's oldest political families. Her electrifying speeches and political skills were primarily responsible for the impressive performance of the People's Alliance.

Both her father and mother served as Prime Ministers. She was little known until last year when she became Chief Minister of the heavily populated Western province. However, her appointment as Prime Minister would create a new problem. Sri Lanka has never had a President and Prime Minister from opposing parties. Since 1978, when the country switched from a parliamentary to a presidential system, the presidency has been invested with immense and frequently abused powers.

The President has sole responsibility for appointing the Prime Minister and the government, even if they are his political opponents, and he can dismiss the Prime Minister at will. When the People's Alliance takes power he will, as head of the Cabinet, preside over his rivals' Cabinet meetings, making a nonsense of Cabinet confidentiality and collective responsibility. Presidential elections are scheduled to be held later this year.

The poll result in the Jaffna peninsula in the far north of the island, where the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam have their stronghold, was hardly a vindication of democracy. The Tigers boycotted the poll. Not a single vote was cast in some polling stations because of intimidation. Ten MPs were elected in Jaffna with a combined total of 13,800 votes in areas with an official electorate of 500,000. One victorious candidate received eight votes.

China faces big rise in jobless

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

CHINA said yesterday that bankruptcies would soon be announced in unproductive state industries in 18 big cities. This move follows an official prediction that there will be 268 million Chinese out of work by 2000.

The prospect of millions more joining the already grim army of unemployed will alarm security officials who are having to deal with waves of industrial action by workers who have not been paid for months or who cannot deal with urban inflation on their low wages.

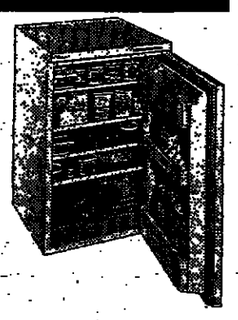
The official *Economic Information Daily* newspaper said that the bankruptcy law, promulgated in 1986 but never taken seriously because of opposition from workers and ideological conservatives, would now come into effect against "those firms whose debts are larger than their assets, who have no hope of getting out of the red, and whose goods have no future".

This is a description of many of China's state industries that for years have operated at a loss. The state budget is almost £2 billion in debt, while the same enterprises are reported to owe each other £27 billion.

The newspaper said the government would provide £529 million in compensation to banks which would suffer if companies to which they have lent money went bankrupt.

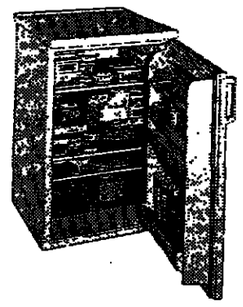
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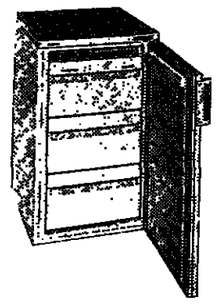
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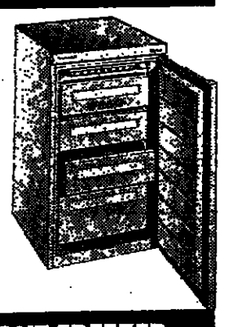


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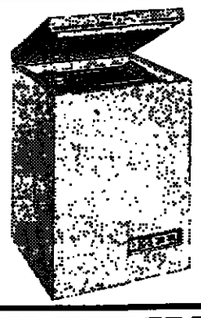
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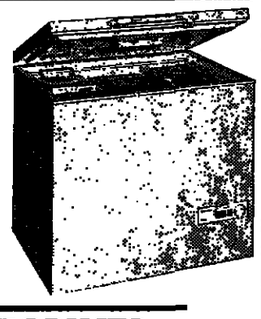
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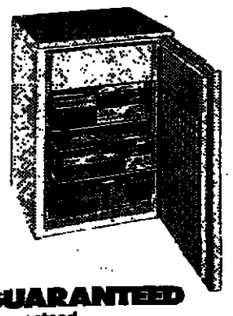
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US blockbusters seduce French

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

THE annual summer blockbuster has been sweeping through French cinemas in recent weeks, its stars earning critical acclaim and popular adulation. Unhappily for a nation keen on vaunting the merits of its film industry, the blockbuster in question is British and the stars are Hugh Grant and Andie McDowell.

While *Four Weddings and a Funeral* proved to be a huge hit in France, the cultural barons of Paris have been left scratching their heads in perplexity at the failure of their own movies.

"French cinema: warning — danger," said the weekly *Journal du Dimanche* on Sunday, pointing to the dearth of successful French films. Over the past 12 months in Paris, for instance, the most popular films have been *Aladdin*, *Jurassic Park* and *Four Weddings*.

Just one French production makes it into the year's Top 10; the epic adaptation of Emile Zola's 19th-century novel, *Germinal*, seen by 750,000 people in the capital. Other French films have been brought out recently amid much hype and publicity, only to be neglected by the public. Take *La Reine Margot*, an adaptation of the novel by Alexandre Dumas. However, this film has drawn just 460,000 spectators in Paris, less than half the number who have seen *Four Weddings*.

One upshot of the failure to produce a blockbuster has been a sharp decline at French box offices this summer. According to last week's issue of the magazine *Le Film Français*, there was a record 31 per cent fall in audiences last month compared with July last year.

All this would be difficult for the French to stomach at the best of times, but it is acutely embarrassing in the light of recent events. The French government has spent a considerable amount of time and energy over the past 12 months arguing that its film industry is a unique national asset that needs protecting from US commercial vampires.

In practice, French audiences appear less and less keen to see their own, often intellectual films, preferring Hollywood's all-action productions. As the *Journal du Dimanche* noted with more than a hint of exasperation, Arnold Schwarzenegger's films may be "puerile and pathetic", but they work.



McDowell: star's film taking Paris by storm

Mandela's 100-day honeymoon brings sense of unity

Michael Hamlyn reports from Johannesburg on how South Africa's first black President has already changed the lives of black and white people from all walks of life

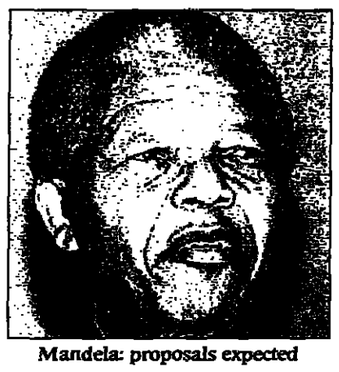
SOUTH Africa today marks the end of a 100-day honeymoon enjoyed by the new non-racial government dominated by the African National Congress, with a public examination of what has or has not been achieved. President Mandela will take the opportunity to present a set of proposals for the next period in a key speech to a joint session of parliament.

But for South Africans not much seems to have changed. In general, black citizens are wholeheartedly in favour of the new government, and in particular of the new atmosphere in the country. Whites and Coloureds on the other hand are fearful of what the future and an uncontrolled black government may hold.

Anna Maleka, 45, in Naledi, a subdivision of Soweto, the giant black township southwest of Johannesburg. She is unreservedly excited by what the government is doing, and is particularly thrilled by the drop in political violence. She lives close to a Zulu migrant workers' hostel, a hotbed of Inkatha Freedom Party supporters, around which conflict often flared. She is a Zulu but feels that she has benefited from the Mandela government.

"It's this violence," she said. "It's stopped. I fall asleep peacefully at night. I never walked after seven at night, but now I do. I don't feel so scared like before." She's also pleased by a new attitude of public service. "We got a lot of rubbish in the place," she said. "Now it's clear. We also have street lights in the township. It is so nice and bright."

Mrs Maleka lives with her husband, a security guard for the telephone company in a decent-sized house with her three children, aged 22, 18 and 11. She works as an office cleaner in the centre of Johannesburg. She gives all the credit for the improvement in her surroundings to Mr Mandela: even the prompt reaction of water board officals to her complaints is a benefit she believes comes from "a good President for the people".



Mandela: proposals expected

Across Johannesburg, in the well-watered, high-walled northern suburb of Hyde Park, Lomi Laubscher, 47, an Afrikaner housewife, has also noticed an improvement in service from the black people she meets in shops. "I've found a change in the whole attitude of black people," she said, "which is very positive. Service-wise, the change in the country has affected them and that has changed them positively in the sense of inter-relationships." With two Mercedes cars in the garage and a banker husband, Mrs Laubscher's contacts with the black population have been limited to her maid.

"Nothing has changed there at all. We've always had a wonderful relationship." Even at church, where there are black members of the congregation, there has been very little contact. "We just come and we go," she said.

But she is also in favour of President Mandela. "I think he was a very good choice as a leader for South Africa," she said, praising the way he has allowed change to flow evenly.

The drop in political violence is also noted and welcomed by a white farmer, Robbie Gemmell, who owns 1,000 hectares, mostly forestry, in the beautiful hills of Natal near Richmond. Peace has come to the hills, once riven by faction fighting between the ANC and Inkatha parties, literally battling for support. Inkatha members are once again allowed back into the little town of Richmond to do their shopping. Mr Gemmell, 37, with a young son, - has been somewhat reassured. "I thought it was going to be worse," he said, but he has a number of fears for the future. "They seem to be dawdling," he said. He is not reassured by the presence of a white National Party Minister for Agriculture in the Cabinet. "All they've done is put a figurehead there," he declared. But he went on to add: "They have done their homework. Over the past 20 years they have outmaneuvered us. They know where they want to be - but we have just been doing a holding operation."



Justice Poswa, left, and Anna Maleka are wholeheartedly in favour of the new government, particularly the atmosphere it has created

He expresses worries about expropriation, but he believes that whatever the shade of government it will still need the pit-props he provides to the mines, and the export earnings his wood chips bring from Japan. "I don't want to sound racist," he said, "but if you get corruption, like in the rest of Africa, then the wheels will come off."

Elisabeth Ivansky also does not think things are going to improve for her. Mrs Ivansky, 45, came from Wroclaw, in Poland, ten years ago to escape Communism. She worries that the South African Communist Party might yet gain too much power. Mrs Ivansky owns a little gift shop in the centre of Johannesburg. But unlike Mrs Maleka, or Mr Gemmell, she has not seen any diminution in violence. She still gets robbed once or twice a month on average.

Justice Poswa, a black barrister, makes his living out of defending blacks. He is in Cape Town to defend the young men accused of killing the American exchange student, Amy Biehl.

"We have made wonderful strides in the justice department," said Mr Poswa, 54, from Natal, and an advocate for 17 years. "The whole atmosphere as opened up for African practioners of law. We now have a chance to advance." He is also pleased that a black lawyer has been appointed to the Constitutional Court, despite widespread objections.

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Lesotho troops kill four after King leads coup

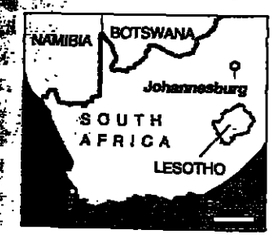
By Michael Hamlyn

rival groups of military took up arms against one another.

The Presidents of South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana set up a joint commission to investigate the situation in the army and at one time considered military intervention themselves. Yesterday Lesotho was discussed between President Mandela's government and President Mugabe, who is on a state visit to South Africa. No action was announced, but a Foreign Ministry spokesman said the situation would be closely monitored, and a statement issued later in the week.

Lesotho, a tiny mountain kingdom approximately the size of Belgium, has had an unstable history since it gained independence from Britain in 1966. The first King Moshoeshoe held out against Boer and Briton and so his kingdom was saved from becoming part of the South African Union. It was taken under Britain's protection as Basutoland.

Chief Leabua Jonathan, who held power at independence, cancelled the first elections four years later when it became apparent that he would lose. The civilian government was toppled by a military coup in 1986 and the military government itself was overturned by the 1990 military coup.



Yesterday the young King announced his coup on the national radio network just after 5am. He promised speedy elections with proportional representation.

Lagos reveals plot to seize British envoy

By Eve Ann Prentice, Diplomatic Correspondent

OPPONENTS of the military regime in Nigeria have threatened to kidnap the British High Commissioner to Lagos, as the country prepared for draconian new curbs expected to be announced last night.

Security was increased at the High Commission in the Nigerian capital after the government uncovered a plot to seize Harold Hasfield, 52.

The kidnap was planned by the National Democratic Coalition, a group of retired politicians angered by what they see as Britain's sympathy for the military. The coalition is led by Michael Ajasin, the 85-year-old former governor of Ondo state. David Herbert, a High Commission spokesman, said: "We have taken all threats seriously."

Fears of widespread violence have grown since elections were annulled last year and the presumed winner, Chief Moshood Abiola, was arrested and charged with treason.

Nigeria has been paralysed by a general strike since July 4 in protest at Chief Abiola's arrest and General Sani Abacha, the military leader, was last night expected to announce a state of emergency in the seven southwestern oil-producing states, to outlaw the oil workers' unions and arrest their leaders. The strikes have crippled Nigerian industry and affected exports of crude oil, Nigeria's main foreign exchange earner.

In an apparent attempt to divide and rule, General Abacha was also expected to announce economic concessions for Nigerians living in the country's 23 other states. Observers say, however, that this strategy is fraught with dangers of dividing the army.

The oil unions have threatened to go underground and attack oil installations if they are proscribed. A government official said last night that General Abacha's broadcast would "address squarely the strike. No responsible leader watches his country's base being ruined and takes no

Call for international drive to halt plundering of Russian stockpile of plutonium

Germans declare war on nuclear smuggling gangs

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN BONN AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

EMBARRASSED and outraged by the discovery of yet another attempt to smuggle weapons-grade plutonium through Germany Bonn yesterday launched a huge diplomatic offensive to crack down on criminal gangs operating in Russia and set up a new international control system for plutonium.

With relations with Moscow dangerously strained by accusations and denials of responsibility, the German government is sending its top intelligence official to Moscow this weekend with a team of experts to investigate the entire system of control of nuclear material and demand much tougher measures to stop smuggling.

Bernd Schmidbauer, head of intelligence co-ordination in the Chancellery, yesterday told an emergency closed session of the parliamentary control commission that he expected "full co-operation" from the Russians. In a detailed briefing of the danger of plutonium smuggling, he made it clear to German MPs that the deadly substance had all come from the former Soviet Union.

American experts say the smuggled plutonium sized in Germany does not have the purity found in Russian nuclear weapons and therefore is likely to have come from sources in the civilian power industry. Even so, the material is still considered potent enough to make a crude bomb if enough could be assembled.

The findings were reported yesterday after Washington had expressed official alarm to the Russian government over the smuggling. Michael McCurry, State Department spokesman, said: "This is a serious issue that ought to be treated with a great deal of urgency by all governments that are in a position to help."

In Bonn, Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, said that the illegal trade in nuclear material was a significant danger. He had therefore sent urgent appeals to his opposite numbers in Russia, Belorussia, Kazakhstan and Ukraine, the four nuclear former Soviet republics. He told them of the German people's deep concern and demanded a comprehensive and effective control to prevent any future incidents.

Herr Kinkel also announced that he will call together all the Foreign Ministers of the European Union in November for a special meeting to discuss effective measures against the threat posed by the smuggling of nuclear material.

Friedrich Bohl, the head of Helmut Kohl's office, also demanded a much more active participation of Germany's intelligence service — the BND — in the fight against the "international atomic mafia". Germany expects its intelligence agents to be given virtually a free hand in pinpointing the source of the deadly material in Russia.

Meanwhile Germany is tightening checks at airports, looking again at its own laws, and consulting allied governments and European police forces on ways to pool their intelligence.

The new measures come after a 34-year-old German was apprehended in Bremen on Friday as he was attempting to deliver two grams of plutonium. The whereabouts of the other 68g that he wanted to sell are not known, and police have begun an urgent investigation.

Germany was shaken by statements on television from a secret report by the Moscow Kurtshatov Institute, which said there was no guarantee that unused nuclear material could not be stolen or used as



Kinkel: urgent appeal to nuclear states

a commodity to trade for valuable foreign exchange. Russian experts also told a Hamburg magazine that the discoveries so far were only "the tip of an iceberg".

Vladimir Chernsenko, former director of the Chernobyl nuclear plant, said there was far more weapons-grade nuclear material in the former Soviet Union than anyone, including the Russian authorities, could imagine. Russian officials emphatically deny, however, that any weapons-grade plutonium is missing from military bases and they may be right, according to scientists at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, where the first atom bombs were designed. The Americans have been analysing clues and data from the German seizures and working closely with the Russians for several months to help them strengthen their nuclear security.

Terry Hawkins, a senior official in the international security division at Los Alamos, told *The New York Times* that the plutonium turning up in Germany is a mixture of plutonium and uranium oxides known as Mox, standing for mixed-oxide fuel. It is the fuel used in Western nuclear power stations, although its use in Russia is still experimental.

Dr Hawkins said the seized Mox had a level of 87 per cent plutonium 239, the principal isotope used in making bombs. The 87 per cent level is commonplace in civilian reactors but below the 93 per cent level normally found in bombs. However, the US did conduct a successful nuclear explosion in Nevada in 1962 that used reactor-grade plutonium rather than weapons-grade material, just to prove that it could be done.

Dr Hawkins said Russian assurances that all their military plutonium was under control were not grounds for complacency. "All of us should be worried," he said, referring to the significant amounts of plutonium showing up on the black market.

The main anxiety among American scientists is that states such as Iraq, Libya or Iran could build nuclear weapons if they acquired the ten to 17lb of plutonium needed to make an effective bomb.

Although Russia denies losing any weapons-grade plutonium, it has admitted to the International Atomic Energy Agency, the nuclear watchdog, that an attempt to steal 6.6lb of weapons-grade uranium was thwarted in St Petersburg earlier this summer. One of the main reasons for the FBI setting up an office in Moscow is to help the Russians in tracking the nuclear smugglers.

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A German policeman displaying a container holding 0.05 milligrams of plutonium confiscated in Bremen

Secret trading racket provides escape from years of poverty

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE smuggling of plutonium nuclear fuel out of Russian military and research facilities has landed the West with one of the most dangerous and politically sensitive issues since the Cold War came to an end.

Despite claims from the Russian government that its nuclear establishments are adequately safeguarded, there is overwhelming evidence that a trade in nuclear fissile material is now seen by many in the formerly closed nuclear cities of Russia as the one way out of poverty and desperation. As the experience of John Large, the British engineer, has demonstrated, it is not uncommon for visitors from the West to be offered materials by relatively senior Russian nuclear workers.

The facilities under suspicion are the three huge nuclear reprocessing sites at Chelyabinsk, Tomsk and Krasnoyarsk, a weapons design establishment similar to the American Los Alamos centre called Arzamas-16 and the prestigious Kurchatov Institute, a research laboratory in Moscow.

One of the seizures of material by the German police revealed such high-grade plutonium 239 — 99.7 per cent as against the normal weapons-grade requirement of 93 per cent — that Western experts say it must have come from a research facility such as Arzamas-16. The 99.7 per cent grade plutonium consisted of 6g of the nuclear fuel found in a 54g package of material by the German police at Tengen last May.

This complex has been increasingly involved in dismantling tactical warheads, adding to a nuclear fuel stockpile which, according to Western experts, consists of "many tonnes". Western intelligence agents, who have been posing as buyers for months to try to elicit information on the scale of the threat now posed by the smuggling, recognise that the amounts of material uncovered are so far very small.



David Kydd, of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said: "What we're talking about are grams of plutonium and uranium oxide which is the powdered form. For a bomb you need about 8 kilos in metallic form. So this is not *Apocalypse Now*." But it was right for people to be concerned.

Another official at the IAEA, which has no visiting rights to any Russian military facilities and only nominal inspection privileges at the nuclear power plants, said: "The whole world should be worried. The West must work with the Russians to stop the leaks."

Many experts say it would be possible to build a nuclear bomb with only 5kg or 6kg of plutonium. While it seems unlikely that any state wanting to build a bomb would resort to buying plutonium in instalments from greedy Russian scientists, there remains the serious threat of terrorist groups acquiring small amounts of nuclear material.

Neglected boffins do deals with the mafia

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

AN UNUSUAL partnership between some of Russia's most brilliant minds and the country's most ruthless criminals is being blamed for the sale of plutonium on the world's market.

In spite of the continued insistence by the authorities in Moscow that none of its massive stockpile of plutonium is missing, privately Russian security experts believe that there is no other possible source for the world's most sought after — and until now elusive — element.

"Let's face it, if you have enough money you can buy anything you want in Russia today," said a former senior security officer in the military.

The problem of leakage of plutonium and enriched uranium lies with the Ministry of Atomic Energy, which is struggling to pay its one million scientists, bureaucrats, technicians and workers — the same size staff it had at the height of the Cold War.

Many of the employees are still stuck with their families in ten special "secret cities" mainly in the Urals and Siberia, which once formed the heart of the Soviet Union's nuclear might.

Although ministry employees are barred by law from striking, 30 workers at Krasnoyarsk last month launched a "work action" to protest at not being paid since May. Similar demonstrations have taken place outside the government headquarters at the White House in Moscow.

The former airtight security round top-secret installations has also collapsed. With the disappearance of KGB surveillance, it is now possible to smuggle out nuclear technology and hardware and for the mafia to penetrate the once closed communities.

According to one report, the situation near Smolensk has deteriorated so badly that two nucelar scientists were recently assassinated by a sniper using telescopic sights, after apparently becoming embroiled with the mafia in a deal that went wrong.

Before Russian authorities became defensive about plutonium smuggling this week, they also voiced concern for the security measures in place. Uri Vishnevsky, the head of Gosatomnadzor, the ministry in charge of security at nuclear installations, not long ago likened the state of security around the top secret plants to a "tin shack" being guarded by a *babushka* (grandmother).

Carlos lawyer accused of terrorist role

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

■ **Carlos will not deny his involvement in acts of terrorism, but intends to rely on a political defence to justify his career**

CLAIMS that the lawyer chosen to defend Carlos was involved in terrorism in the 1980s added a fresh twist yesterday to the legal drama unfolding around France's most infamous prisoner.

According to reports in Paris yesterday, Jacques Vergès, Carlos's controversial advocate, supported the terrorist cell set up by the man who is now his client. The allegation was made as M Vergès indicated that Carlos, whose real name is Ilich Ramirez Sánchez, would rely on a political defence at his trial, attempting to justify his actions as part of "an ideological struggle".

M Vergès's attempts to set the agenda were overshadowed by accusations made against him in *Le Monde*. The newspaper claimed that M Vergès's name was twice cited in documents drawn from the archives of the Stasi, the former East German secret police, and passed to Jean-Louis Bruguière, France's leading anti-terrorist judge, at the end of July. In one document, he is described as an "operational member" of a cell organised by Carlos and thought to have been behind a series of bombings in France in the early 1980s, the newspaper said. The second mention of M Vergès comes in a document that traces the events of 1982, when he defended Magdalena Kopp, later to become Carlos's wife, and Bruno Bréguet, another of the terrorist's associates. According to the newspaper, the Stasi report said that the lawyer was handed a sum of money to be used to bribe his client's guards in case they decided to try to escape.

Last night legal sources in Paris partly backed *Le Monde's* allegations, confirming that Stasi documents were in French hands but refusing to reveal their contents.

Questioned by *Le Monde*, M Vergès, a Marxist who has backed a number of revolutionary causes during his 40-year career, said he was the victim of an "operation of disinformation" mounted by the Stasi. Speaking on French radio, he added: "In the Eastern bloc countries, any lawyer who does his job is immediately seen as an accomplice of the person he is defending. If the Stasi has written that, then I take it as a compliment."

Earlier, M Vergès had begun to outline the main thrust of the defence he will use when Carlos is brought to court. The Venezuelan-born terrorist is certain to face charges that he was behind a 1982 bomb attack in Paris in which one person died and may also be tried for two other bombings in France that left ten people dead.

"He will justify his politics in general, his ideological struggle," M Vergès said. "There is no question of disavowing the actions he is reproached with."

While Carlos's lawyers yesterday continued to question the legal basis on which their client was transferred from Khartoum this week, Charles Pasqua, the French Interior Minister, appeared unconcerned. In an interview to be published in *Paris Match* today, he said: "Without wishing to boast, I think we've done well." M Pasqua said that when Carlos was arrested in Sudan, he exclaimed: "Hats off to you."

Carlos had apparently continued in the same vein on Tuesday, according to Mourad Oussedik, another of his lawyers. He had jokingly asked Judge Bruguière to put him up at the luxurious Hotel Lutétia, which was used as Gestapo headquarters during the Second World War, "because I hear the rooms are good and one can eat well".

In solitary confinement in cell number 258187 in the basement of the dilapidated La Santé jail in Paris, Carlos is not yet able to engage in one of his favourite pursuits: watching himself on the television news. According to his lawyer, he is not yet being allowed the usual La Santé privilege of being able to hire a television or radio. Otherwise, the outlook for him is as bleak as the dark stone walls of this 19th-century prison.

The subject of tight security measures, Carlos is prevented from talking to any other inmates and is accompanied by five armed guards whenever he leaves his cell. He is allowed to see his lawyers in a private room, but his guards are still present. Even the exercise to which he is entitled once a day can be taken only when the courtyard is free of all other prisoners. He can get cigarettes and soft drinks. His food is standard prison fare.

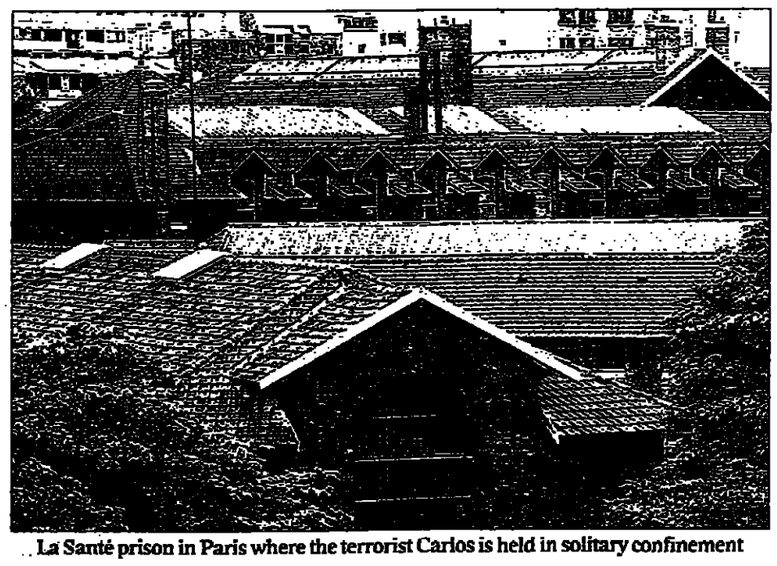
Twice a week he will be seen by a doctor, who can express an opinion on the regime of solitary confinement, indicating whether it is affecting Carlos's mental state. The measures, dictated by Judge Bruguière, are unlikely to be lifted in the foreseeable future, French judicial sources indicated yesterday.

The block designated for "special detainees" at La Santé holds about 15 inmates, including Michel Garretta, a French doctor implicated in the Aids blood scandal, Paul Touvier, a Frenchman who was tried and found guilty of war crimes earlier this year, was also held there until his trial.

Some observers argue that conditions in the "isolation block" are better than in the main body of the prison. It is one of the few areas renovated in recent memory and is clean and functional, according to those who have visited it. Moreover, since the prisoners there are all in solitary confinement, they have their own cells, a luxury in a prison built for 1,400 people and now housing more than 2,000. Each cell contains a chest of drawers, a chair and bed and has a single small window high on the wall.

An immense quadrilateral building, La Santé has not always proved to be the most secure of jails. The most recent of many escapes succeeded eight days ago when an inmate managed to climb over an exterior wall using a cable. The most spectacular was in 1986 when a bank robber was lifted from the prison yard by a helicopter flown by his wife. Nets were strung above the courtyard to prevent a repeat.

In an attempt to prevent the escape of Carlos, France's penal authorities have reinforced security at the jail, although not enough to reassure unions representing French prison officers. They say that guards have been diverted from their normal duties to watch over him, creating dangers in other parts of La Santé.



La Santé prison in Paris where the terrorist Carlos is held in solitary confinement

A diplomatic crisis escalated yesterday after President Menem of Argentina renewed allegations of Iranian involvement in the bombing of a Jewish charity in Buenos Aires. The Argentine Ambassador in Iran, Mario Quadri del Castillo, left for home after his second recall since the blast. Señor Menem said the authorities had "new proof" linking Iranians to the attack, but would await the outcome of the investigation. (AFP)

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Fear in a lungful of dust



IN HIS biography Terry Major-Ball, brother of the Prime Minister, describes the family's struggle to run the garden ornament business. Making cement garden ornaments is a hard, dirty life with long hours but the income from them had to support Terry's mother and father and to provide for John.

The Prime Minister started making himself useful by mixing cement at the age of nine, and when he left school in 1959 soon proved that he was sufficiently skilled to mix cement to just the right consistency.

Terry and John lived in an atmosphere of cement. It wore the skin off their fingertips and they not only breathed the dust but it clung to their hair, fingernails and clothes.

Despite the amount of cement the brothers inhaled, neither seems to suffer from chest problems: they have no chronic cough, no breathlessness and do not have the rasping voice which used to be associated with silicosis or pneumoconiosis caused by other dusts.



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Do-it-yourself enthusiasts can be reassured as they happily mix cement this weekend, for from a doctor's point of view cement dust is relatively harmless and it is unlikely to affect their breathing. A survey carried out in 1939 of more than 2,000 men who worked daily in a cloud of the dust showed that the amount of lung disease they suffered was trivial: only two had silicosis — which could possibly have been attributed to cement — and the incidence of other lung diseases, including TB, which often complicates silicosis, was less than that in the general population.

Yet if Terry and John Major explored the neighbourhood to which they were evacuated during the war, they could well have visited the flint mines and works around Brandon in Suffolk. Despite the fresh country air, Brandon used to be notorious for the number of cases of chest disease, both silicosis and tuberculosis. The patients had usually inhaled flint dust caused by both digging up the flints and by flint knapping. Of all stones, flint is the most likely to cause silicosis.

Silicosis is a condition in which the inhaled silica (quarz) dust causes fibrosis of the lung. Initially the fibrosis is only patchy but later the small patches, technically known as nodules, coagulate and the patient develops a severe loose cough and becomes increasingly short of breath before finally becoming invalid and later dying of either tuberculosis or heart failure.

The Majors also used stone which had been ground up to coat their cement ornaments so as to give them an appearance which was more natural. The danger of developing stone mason's lung, another popular term for silicosis, depends on the stone used: limestone is harmless, sandstone dangerous. Fortunately Portland stone, from which most of the celebrated old London buildings are made, does not cause silicosis. The preference of Wren and other architects in the past for Portland stone must have inadvertently saved thousands of masons from a premature death.

Tried for size



THE FILM, *We Don't Want to Talk About It*, is now showing in London. In it a woman's disappointment at having a dwarf child prompts her to take revenge on society by smashing up garden gnomes. Not a film for Terry Major-Ball.

In one type of dwarfism the growth failure is the result of the inadequate production of natural growth hormone by the anterior pituitary gland. These children are well proportioned but just too short. If somatropin, the synthetic growth hormone, is given while the growing points of the bones are still open, the course of treatment produces effective results. Synthetic growth hormone has also been given with good effect to some other diseases with short stature, in particular to girls suffering from Turner's syndrome.

Even after growth has stopped, growth hormone is still produced in lesser amounts by the pituitary; in older age groups there is a decline in its production associated, in the view of many doctors, with the increasing signs of old age. Several authors claim that growth hormone restores the skin, removes the wrinkles, increases muscle bulk and tone and helps redistribute the fat which has collected around the midriff. Unfortunately nobody yet knows the extent of the side-effects of growth hormones when given to elderly people, but everybody is aware that the cost of the treatment would be prodigious.

Joint attack



TRIGGER fingers are no more likely, in fact rather less likely, to affect men out shooting on the grouse moors than housewives: The condition is most common in middle-aged women, although it can attack either sex at any age. It is not, so far as is known, a repetitive strain injury as is suffered by those who constantly repeat the same movement. Many of these latter patients, including typists or computer operators, suffer from tenosynovitis, in which the glistening synovial linings of the sheath through which the tendons run become dull and tacky because of inflammation setup by friction, in turn caused by overuse.

Conversely tennis elbow, although a repetitive strain injury, is not a tenosynovitis but an epicondylitis. In this the muscle becomes inflamed at the point at which it is attached to the bone.

Trigger finger is a condition in which the tendon sheath at the base of one of the fingers becomes constricted, so that the tendon swells before the constriction and wastes beyond it. As a result it can no longer be straightened readily and becomes stick when bent in gripping, thereafter adopting the appearance of a gun's trigger. The obstruction can be overcome by straightening the finger with the other hand, but a permanent cure can be achieved by making a small incision in the sheath where it has become constricted.

ARDEA

He thought it was a sweet

Aileen Ballantyne warns the parents of young children about the everyday dangers that lurk in our homes and gardens

Another looks away for just a few seconds then turns to see her toddler with an open bottle of pills or clutching a container of household cleaner with the lid off. . . Fortunately, the introduction of child-proof tops and "bubble" packs for pills has been largely responsible for the halving of deaths from poisoning in the one-to-four age group in th last decade. In England and Wales in 1992, the last year for which figures are available, there were eight cases.

But although the number of deaths is small, about 15,000 children are admitted to accident and emergency wards with suspected poisoning every year. By far the most common ages for poisoning incidents is between the ages of two and three, when a child is mobile, curious, and too young to understand the hazards. And the peak time for these accidents is now, when poisonous plants in gardens and fields are at their most dangerous.

The laburnum tree, for example, which was covered with hanging yellow flowers in July, is now fruiting. In its attractive silky pods are extremely dangerous pea-sized seeds which a two or three-year-old could easily mistake for sweets. Eating them from the tree now, or towards the end of this month when they drop to the ground and become chocolate-coloured, can cause fits and, if too many are eaten, death from respiratory failure.

To speed up treatment in such cases the National Poisons Unit in London and the Royal Botanical Gardens in Kew, Surrey, are producing an image-based computerised system for hospitals which will make it easier for staff to identify the sort of seeds, berries or flowers the child has eaten.

Another dangerous plant likely to cause problems now is the arum lily, also known as cuckoopint or lords-and-ladies. It is ripening earlier than usual because of the recent hot spell. According to Ms Christine Leon, a botanist at the National Poisons Unit, this plant is involved in more serious childhood poisoning incidents than any other because of its attractive shiny orange berries, which flower just ten inches from the ground. The main danger from eating the berries, which cause acute inflammation in the mouth, is death from asphyxiation.

The plants which can kill are relatively few. More common are those which, when touched, irritate the skin, making it hypersensitive to ultraviolet light. Among the plants responsible are giant hogweed, which looks like a giant variety of cow parsley — its large hollow stem can be used as makeshift reed pipes by children with unpleasant consequences — and garden rue, a blue-green plant often found in herb borders.

In winter — or indeed on many normal British summer days — such plants cause few problems, but if your hands or face come into contact with one, and is then exposed to the sun, a large blister can form and the skin can become deeply pigmented. In the latter case, the staining caused by this hyperpigmentation effect usually lasts for only a few weeks, but can be permanent.

The National Poisons Unit has seen a surge in such cases in both children and adults during the recent hot weather.

Back indoors, as many as one in six accidental poisoning cases in children happen at grandparents' homes. Older people with arthritis in the hands may well have prescription drugs supplied in non-child-resistant packaging, which can be opened by an inquisitive child, looking for "sweets". Medicines commonly used by elderly people that are particularly dangerous to small children are quinine (for night cramps), digitalis (for heart problems), and sleeping pills such as Mogadon.

Iron tablets, or multi-vitamin pills containing iron, should not be left around. Many are small and red and look exactly like sweets. Iron poisoning produces virtually no symptoms, but death can occur within two to three days from liver failure, according to Dr Frances Howard, clinical director of paediatric medicine at Frimley Park Hospital Trust, Camberley, Surrey. Treatment involves administering an iron chelating agent, whereby the iron is bound to the drug which is then excreted safely.



Late summer is the peak time for outdoor poisoning incidents

Other potentially dangerous household products include disinfectant and dishwasher powder. The immediate treatment, en route to hospital, is to give the child lots of milk. Even more dangerous, if eaten, are the innocent-looking brightly coloured air-freshener blocks, which contain large amounts of napthalene. Two grams can be fatal for a child.

Cigarettes are also dangerous if chewed by a young child. Dr John Henry, consultant physician at the National Poisons Unit, says they get about 50 cases a year of children who have munched cigarettes. "If a child eats a whole cigarette it can cause serious medical problems, including heart arrhythmia and convulsions. In the worst cases, a child can end up going into a coma," he said.

If you think your child has swallowed something poisonous, there are two possible courses of action. One is to phone your doctor for immediate advice on whether or not the suspected substance is likely to cause problems. The second, if the situation appears to be more serious, is to grab the bottle, plant or container and rush straight to the nearest hospital. Staff there are likely to make the child sick using Ipecac, which works in 17 minutes; put the child under observation and make immediate contact with the nearest poisons unit for detailed medical advice.

If the trip to the hospital looks like being delayed, it may be worthwhile sticking a finger down the child's throat in order to make him sick, Dr Howard says. However, if the child has swallowed something corrosive, such as drain cleaner or oven cleaner, large quantities of water or milk should be given immediately in order to dilute the burning effect — which would be made worse if the child were sick. The most important thing to avoid, stresses Dr Henry, is salt water, sometimes given in an attempt to make the child vomit. "Two tablespoons of salt are enough to kill an adult," he said.



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The mentally ill are no more likely to murder than other people are

Crime and the schizophrenic

The mentally ill commit one murder a fortnight" proclaimed the headlines yesterday. This was the response to the Preliminary Report on Homicide produced by the Confidential Inquiry into Homicides and Suicides by Mentally Ill People, set up under the auspices of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

The picture painted by the report itself is more complex. Home Office records suggested that 89 people with probable mental illness had committed a murder between June 1992 and June 1993, rather more than one a fortnight, but still amounting to about 12 per cent of those who commit a murder. However, in only a third of those cases had there been recent contact with psychiatric services. It is these 34 cases that have given rise to public concern, particularly since the terrible killing of Jonathan Zito.

Mr Zito was murdered by Christopher Clunis, a schizophrenic with a known record of violence. The subsequent inquiry into Clunis's care detailed how there had been a general failure to recognise, and respond to, his increasingly disturbed behaviour. The report highlighted the need for better co-ordination between health professionals. Individual case management and the introduction of supervision registers are sensible attempts to improve matters.

However, research on the links between crime and mental illness suggests that these initiatives can only have a limited effect in preventing further tragedies. In the latest issue of the journal *Psychological Medicine* my colleagues and I have published a large study of crime and schizophrenia. We found that the crime rate among people with schizophrenia had risen over the years, but no more so than in the rest of the population. We also found that people with schizophrenia were no more likely to commit a variety of offences, such as theft, than the rest of the population.

More worrying was evidence of an increased risk of violent offending, which we studied in greater detail. Given that most schizophrenics never commit any offence, violent or otherwise, what factors can we look for in the minority who did? The variables associated with crime among schizophrenics were similar to those associated with crime among those without mental illness. The experience of psychosis itself played a role, but gender, ethnicity, social class, drug abuse and unemployment were more important. In fact, the best predictor of offending after the onset of mental illness was having a previous criminal record.

What is important about these findings is that all of the variables are largely unchangeable. Some will argue that factors such as poverty, school failure and poor parenting could be influenced by social and political policy — but no one would suggest that they can be reversed by better supervision or medication.

Of course, better co-ordination and supervision of treatment can only improve patient care. It might also reduce dangerous behaviour. However, it would be folly to pretend that such crimes can ever be eliminated.

Notwithstanding the failures of the Clunis case, the Confidential Inquiry found that even with the benefit of hindsight, in the majority of cases involving murder, there had been no equivalent failure of care. The supervision was usually adequate, and the staff did not complain of lack of resources. In many cases the individual who went on to commit the murder had not been co-operating with treatment, but non-compliance alone does not usually lead to homicide.

We should never lose sight of the key facts about violence and schizophrenia. First, people with severe mental illness are far more of a risk to themselves than anyone else. Second, terrible violence remains rare. Our study was able to put the size of the problem into perspective. Between 1964 and 1984, 538 people living in the Borough of Camberwell (the site of Maudsley Hospital) developed some form of schizophrenia. Between the onset of illness and 1990 they had been in the community for 8,000 years (excluding time spent in hospital, prison or abroad). During these 8,000 years one murder was committed, when an elderly man killed his wife. It was only after his arrest that schizophrenia was diagnosed — thus he was completely unknown to all the psychiatric and social services.

DR SIMON WESSELY

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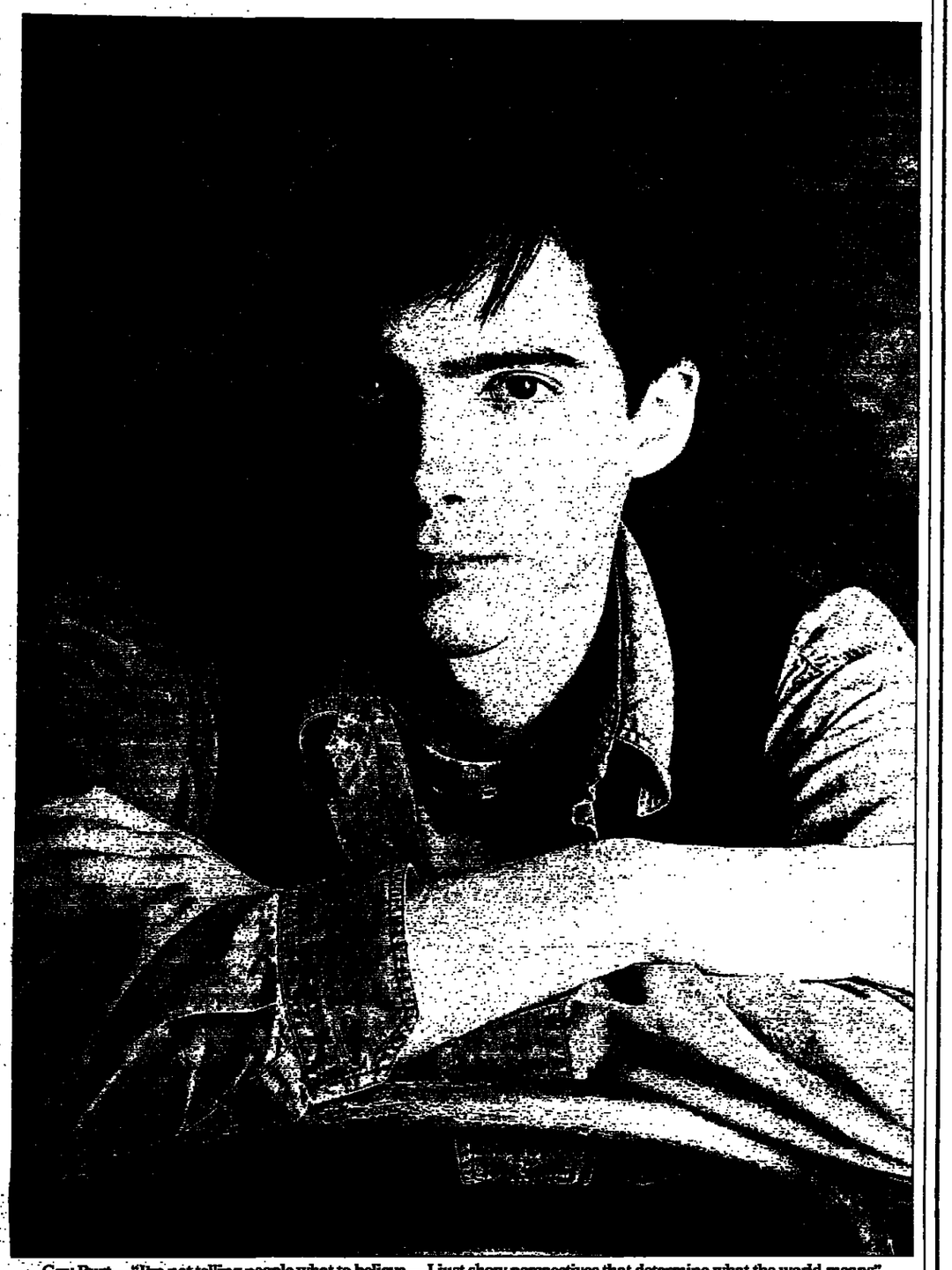
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A student of menace

Rachel Kelly meets Guy Burt, who at the tender age of 21 has written two of the scariest novels in print



Guy Burt — "I'm not telling people what to believe — I just show perspectives that determine what the world means"

A scintillating debut", said the *Daily Mail*. "Gripping stuff", said *Time Out*. "An extraordinary tale", trumpeted *New Woman* magazine of Guy Burt's first novel, published a year ago.

Now, ensuring that he cannot be dismissed as a one-novel wonder, Burt has written his second at the grand age of 21. *Sophie* more than fufils the promise of his earlier work, *After the Hole*. Reviewing the book in *The Times*, Libby Purves wrote: "He has produced something so good that one can only wonder (rather nervously) what he will do next. And whether we are quite up to it."

Reading *Sophie* on the bus to Oxford to talk to Burt, then an undergraduate at Balliol and now enjoying a summer holiday, I wondered whether I was up to meeting him. For the book is scary. Such is its power to menace that one can't but wonder about its creator. Will he be tense, moody, and difficult — just like his prose?

The novel tells the story of Sophie and Matthew, dipping between their uneasy childhood and the present, when Matthew seems to have tied Sophie up in a deserted house and she fears for her life. Which of them is the madder or more frightening? Sophie in childhood, when horrid things happened to babies? Or Matthew now?

To meet, Burt is unthreatening and as friendly as a puppy. He looks rather like a more saturnine version of Hugh Grant, complete with floppy hair and a side parting. He wears the student's regulation kit of jeans, loafers, and T-shirt.

He is suffering from the regulation student hangover, too, the product of a post-Finals booze-up, as he chats and rummages in his chaotic room in Balliol's second quad in search of his wallet. "Actually, the room is as tidy as hell compared with how it was after my 'Strange magazines and Tequila' party," he confides.

We talk over a ploughman's lunch in a local pub. Of course, having written a pyschological thriller like *Sophie*, it would be easy to act out the part of the menacing writer, he says. "But actually, I'm fundamentally a fairly simple, fluffy sort of person."

He loves cooking and partying, and next week plans a six-course dinner for 22 of gazpacho, filo pastry stuffed with camembert and redcurrants, rolled turkey breast in breadcrumbs, cheese, pudding, and sorbets between courses. This summer he is visiting Alicante with his Spanish girlfriend, who is studying for an M.Phil at London University.

Only the disturbingly accurate evocation of places in the book, and some of Matthew's responses as a young boy, are drawn from Burt's own experience. The rest is imagined. There was nothing chilling about his own background. Born the son of a science and an English teacher, he was happily brought up above St Catherine's preparatory school in Surrey, where his parents were principals.



RACHEL KELLY

Charterhouse followed. He eschewed team activity in favour of writing and completed *After the Hole* in the sixth form. A prodigious achievement, one might think, but he has been writing since childhood: fantasy novels peopled with dungeons and dragons, worlocks and wizards, and endless short stories.

All the while he has been feeling his way towards a distinctive style. His chief role models are William Golding and Ernest Hemingway. He might have added Ian McEwan, Iain Banks and John Fowles.

"Hemingway once said that writing should be like the principle of the iceberg: for every one-eighth that shows, there is seven-eighths that is inferred," Burt says.

Events happen between the lines. Characters reveal themselves by what they do and say, not through long authorial descriptions peppered with adjectives. The reader must be kept alert, he believes. Every five or six pages, his perspective must be jolted, and it is.

He writes because he loves it. "I'm not driven by demons," he says. "Writing is wonderful." He loves the process of honing and editing his prose, cutting a character here, adding a chapter there. But he says he is not a perfectionist. "I'm just keen not to make a fool of myself," he says.

What, then, is his message to his readers? He bridles. "No literature ever puts across a message," he says, flushed with undergraduate intensity.

"Fundamentally, I think it's a bit stupid to think that you can tell people what to believe. I'm not telling them. I'm showing them, showing things like the different perspectives that determine what the world means to each of us. The world is a very different place to Sophie and Matthew, for example, and those perspectives change again with time. But there isn't a heavy message."

This autumn he starts work as an English master at Eton. *Sophie* reflected his interest in pyschology. "Exploring extremes is always good fun," he says.

But he is nervous of pigeonholing and hopes now to write a different sort of third novel. And he is still only 21.

Explaining the man born to be a critic

The Gospel of truth, by Enoch Powell

Enoch Powell believes that he was born a textual critic. "I cannot read without criticising," he says. It is a talent anyone but him could have predicted would land him in his latest controversy.

Mr Powell stoutly defends his argument that Christ was not crucified but stoned to death. In a complex argument during which he displayed a determined orthodoxy on doctrinal matters such as the Virgin Birth, Mr Powell, a classical scholar, said his faith remained unaffected by his discovery.

"When I recite the Nicene Creed I am not lying. But I am making a theological statement and not a historical statement. Indeed, the statement that God became incarnate as man is a theological statement and not a historical statement."

His startling conclusion that the Crucifixion is a later insertion into the Gospel of Matthew arose from his close study of the Greek text which began, he said, on a flight to Australia. As a man of intellectual integrity, he was unable to ignore what, to him, was inescapable evidence that Matthew was the first Gospel to be written. In this, he was going against most modern scholarship. But it was from the primacy of Matthew that his conclusions on the Crucifixion followed. His findings will be published next month in his book, *The Evolution of the Gospel*.



Powell: integrity

Mr Powell said: "I am an obedient member of the Church of England. I am not trying to demolish. I am just reading the documents, which I cannot help reading as documents and treating as I treat other documents — critically." He conceded that the Cross had become "a central part of a Western Church. The Church of England is part of a Church. But conformity does not depend upon the validity of a document."

The Church of England's Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion might assert that no part of scripture must be expounded so that it is "repugnant" to another part, but Mr Powell is quick to point out that the articles are not binding on the laity.

"The critical study of the earliest Christian document does not impugn the validity of the Western church, even though it may explain certain elements in it. Religious observance is not, in fact, based upon the wording of the Gospels." And he added: "I acknowledge the authority of the Church."

Mr Powell said of his years as a non-believer: "I spent 20 years wandering in the deserts of atheism. But the Church of England was ready there, waiting for me when I returned from the desert."

He was drawn back, in 1949, not by words but by sound. "It was the church bells. I happened to pass St Peter's, Wolverhampton, on going to my lodgings from the station on a Sunday evening. The bells were ringing and I turned right and went in, since when I have not come out."

Mr Powell went on to argue in support of the Virgin Birth. The genealogy at the beginning of Matthew which represents Jesus as the son of the house of David has been "clearly inserted", he said.

"No one starts a book about Jesus with a genealogy from Abraham without a motive. The motive is to sustain one side in the theological argument. Is Jesus the son of God or is he the son of David?

"If God was incarnate the Virgin Birth must follow because God does not go where man has gone, which is why the angel warned Joseph not to have intercourse with Mary until the birth so that there might be no doubt or confusion."

He said he had not succumbed to the temptation to find a historical context for the supposed invention of the Crucifixion. "The proposition that the account of the trial and execution of Jesus for blasphemy has been replaced by a similar account of his trial and execution by the Romans for claiming to be King of the Jews is a textual matter and its demonstration depends upon a study of a text which shows the derivation of the latter from the earlier trial," he said, proceeding to read a parable from a Greek version of Matthew 21 and translating simultaneously.

Nevertheless, as befits a former MP, he is conscious of the "profound political background" to the Gospel. "All life is political. The world in which the Gospel originated was as political as our world. It was torn by political division."

According to his theory, the Crucifixion story was inserted in the Gospel because of a dilemma facing 1st-century Judaism in its attempts to cope with subjection to Rome.

Mr Powell handed me a paper, in which he argues that the Gospel was pro-Roman and that Jesus and John the Baptist were "Jewish collaborators". He claims that John the Baptist's call for repentance was "nothing less than [a call for] the abandonment of the exclusivity of law observance." The purpose, he says, was "to warn the Jews against making, as in fact they did, observance of the law an insurmountable barrier between themselves and the Roman masters."

Mr Powell said the political background to the Gospel could not be ignored. And he hinted at the formidable ability which has made him at once a brilliant politician and classical scholar. "There is magic in words," he said, "even in nonsense words. Words are things. After all, it was by a word that God created the world."

RUTH GLEDHILL

● *Enoch Powell's* The Evolution of the Gospel *is published next month by Yale University Press.*

Testing times for parents

Not only students are in a panic as the A-level results are published

TODAY, for many children, will be D-Day. For the luckier ones, though, it may be two As and a B-Day, and for the top dogs there will be As across the board. For all of them, the suffering will be over one way or another as the weeks of nervous waiting reach their climax and, once again, school noticeboards declare judgment on the efforts of the 300,000 pupils who sat their A-levels in May and June.

Congratulations, as always, will be lavished on the winners, and sympathy for the losers will be equally effusive. But what of the parents? This is a tense day for them, too. Will they not suffer equally — or even more?

"YOU'RE not kidding," says Elizabeth Tovey, whose daughter's results will be posted at Cirencester Tertiary College this morning. "I didn't sleep last night for worrying. Ginny and I are very close and whatever she goes through, I go through. She didn't get the grades she needed last year, so she has retaken them. She is desperate to be a teacher, and will be so disappointed if she fails again.

"I have been through everything with her, helping her revise, keeping the peace in the house so she wouldn't get distracted. I feel so involved. Last time she drove up to the school alone, but this year I am going with her — I don't know which one of us will look at the board first."

This mood is a common one. "I wasn't half this anxious when I did my own A-levels 30 years ago," says Elizabeth Dancer, whose daughter Helen needs two As and a B to get into Oxford. "You feel less in control as a parent, not knowing what happened in the exam, and you get very tense as a result. You are also waiting to pick up the emotional pieces if things go wrong. For the child it is only a question of whether they get a university place or not. They are just glad the exams are over. For us it is a larger worry about their happiness and success.

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"The fact that the universities already know the results, and have made their decisions, makes the wait all the more frustrating. I'm doing a masters degree at Bristol University myself, and I have been so worried the past few days I haven't been able to work."

Some parents are more relaxed about the results. Pauline Warden says of her son, Nicholas: "I know how much he wants to go be a choral scholar at Cambridge, and I am worried that he might be disappointed, but it is out of my hands now."

Others, however, are positively apoplectic. "It's outrageous," says Alan Wylie, a solicitor in High Wycombe. "The Government is penalising universities who give too many places. Now they only give 500, where they would have given a thousand. It means a furious round of applications after the results to get the extra places, and the anxiety is prolonged. I am very nervous on my son's behalf — you can't get a job without a university qualification these days."

Mr Wylie has further concerns. "Douglas was turned down by Cambridge because he went to public school — it's all disgustingly political now," he seethed. "They should look at your brain, not at where you come from. Douglas was worried that if he got three Cs he would be off to Bangor or something, but he has decided, quite rightly, that if he can't get into a good university he won't go at all. These peculiar little places are a waste of time." Mr Wylie has clearly given the question far more thought than most of the pupils whose futures are actually at stake.

MORE thought, at least, than Gabor Tabori, who is at William Ellis comprehensive school, in North London. "There is nothing riding on my results, but I am more nervous than my mum. I don't think she's bothered." His mother agreed. "I couldn't give a damn. I was nervous about Gabor's work all through the year, but he just partied all the time. He didn't bother. So why should I worry now? I will be very surprised if he succeeds, and if he fails, he fails.

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Libby Purves



■ Love makes the world go round, but there is more to it, thankfully, than Desmond Morris's sexual fantasy

If you take a toy to pieces to see how it works, the odds are that it doesn't any more. If you rely on prime-time television and a pop-biologist to illuminate the central mysteries of human love, the same disappointment awaits. Desmond Morris's much-hyped film on *The Biology of Love* last night gave much throbbing heat but only a small, cruelly deceptive light.

As long as he stuck to biology, there were bracing insights. It seems that human sperm are not the chaps we thought they were. They do not, after all, fight — every sperm for itself — in the race to reach the female egg. It turns out that very few are even interested in the leadership challenge. Most of them are concerned with watching the others' backs, fighting off intruder sperm from rival males or passively locking tails with colleagues in order to defend the *status quo*.

We saw them last night, battling tadpoles: we also saw, via one very small, very weatherproof camera riding shotgun on the male volunteer, the female cervix *dipping disdainfully into* the proffered lake of fertility, not according to the male rhythm but to her own. With this unnerving sight came the news that women — the only orgasmic female animals, as Dr Morris kept reminding us — use their transports cannily. They unconsciously control their pattern of response to favour a "young, vigorous" male over an elderly husband who can support the family.

Not that male biology takes this lying down: men equally unconsciously control the number of defensive and hunter-killer sperm they send out, depending on whether they believe themselves to be the only one currently mating with this female. It's a jungle down there. We are, Dr Morris concluded carefully, safer with the lifelong, protective, exclusive pair-bond.

Which will please the moralists mightily. It might even make up to them for the indecorous nature of Dr Morris's safari through human lovemaking: up the nostrils, down the arteries, chasing drops of sweat, measuring nipples, lingering inexplicably on long, red fingernails, and pointing out the steam rising from the woman's mouth (but how cold was the bedroom?) Admittedly, he cut from the most explicit moments to something calming, like a shot of two fully-dressed Saharan nomads allegedly planning an illicit affair, or a picture of Lord Parkinson. But nonetheless, those few minutes were uniquely explicit, and millions will have watched. Some of them will only have been hoping for a giggle (who knew that the side of the nose is erectile and erogenous? Who is going to be more careful what they fiddle with in meetings?), but others may have been hoping for more.

They did not get it. Love, sex, fertility, families are things that make the world go round for most of us, and make it go wrong for many. Every day we confront the results of sexual rapacity, of soured and selfish love, of individual libidos riding roughshod over one another. We have an unsettling science in which children are conceived not by orgasm but by egg-donation and test-tubes. We have collapsed families and unprotected children.

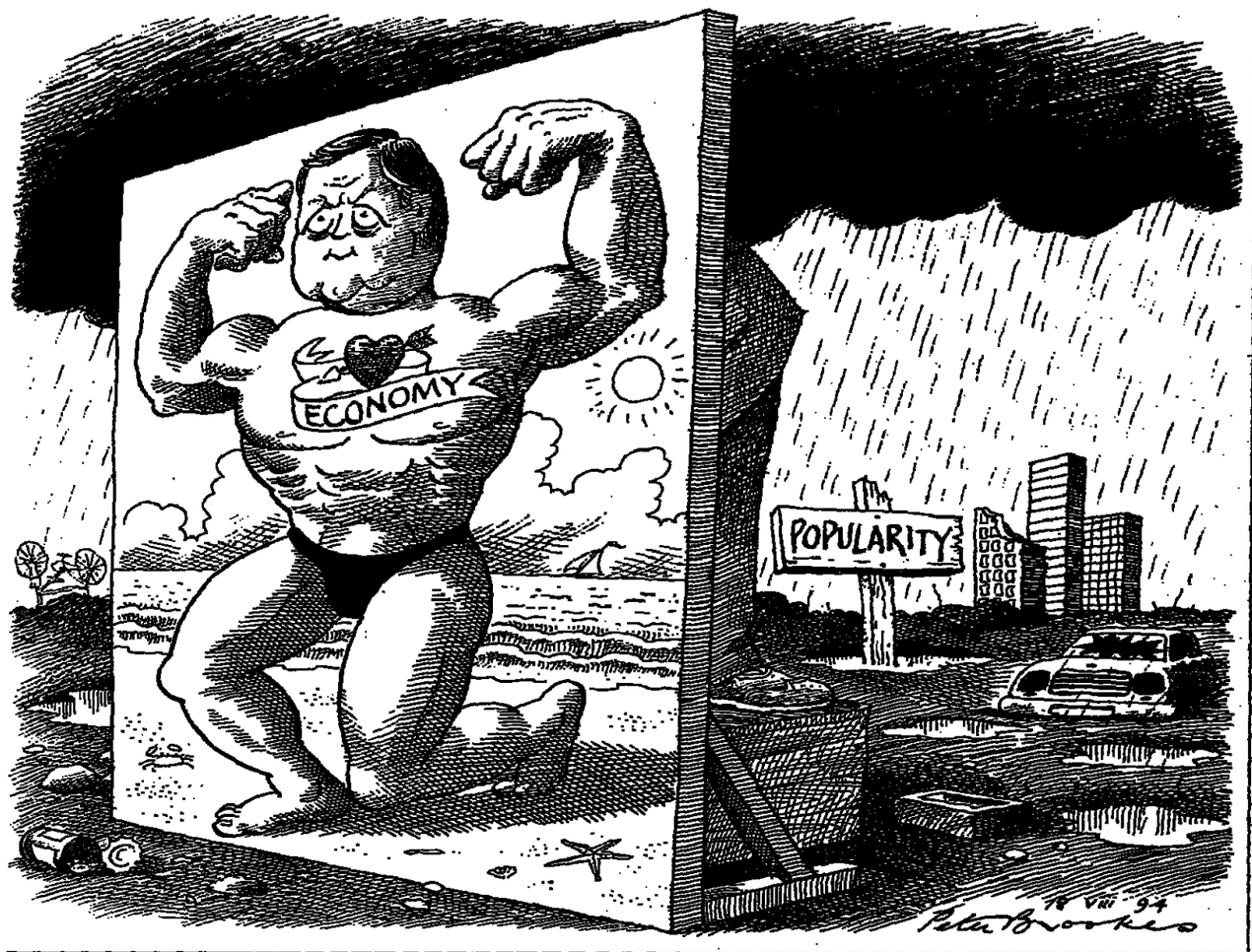
Fifty minutes' television could hardly have tackled all this; but this biology lesson actually obscured most of it. From the moment the male and female apes stood up, thereby revealing their sexual organs, the emphasis was on youth and beauty, parade and pick-up. The message of Morris's script was that human sexuality is uniquely prolonged, subtle and seasonless; but the message of the pictures was that sex is about young bodies, soft skin, slender women, triangular men with snake hips and broad shoulders, reddened lips, endless legs and round buttocks. Even kneecaps remind Morris of buttocks, which is worrying, and may lower skirt-lengths this winter. It is all commercially sexy, except for the odd Masai and stout Tahitian.

> The camera suggests that extreme youth is all

In one superbly Pooterish line, he intones that "careful research in certain nightclubs" has revealed that girls nearer to their fertile period dress more skimpily. Research at a PTA whist drive, presumably, would only have got him a thick ear. Extreme youth is all: even when he talks of sexuality continuing over half a century, the camera cannot bear an older body, and shows an hourglass instead.

This would not matter so much, were it not that Morris is so keen to point out, rightly, that sex and love truly are intertwined: that the physical need and the instinct for protection and family go together in the normal human being. Alongside this, there is a chilling message, in the camera's shyness about age and imperfection and weathered, normal faces of the kind most of us end up pair-bonded to for better and for worse. Are soft skin, red lips and triangular torsos the price of love, as well as sex? Is the family bond dependent on buttock-shaped kneecaps? When your "moments of glad grace" are gone (or if you never had any) will there be no one to love, like Yeats, "the pilgrim soul in you"?

Janet Daley's column will appear tomorrow.



Clinton's lesson for Blair

The end of the Democrat experiment has lessons for both Tories and Labour

William Rees-Mogg

Tuesday November 8, 1994 is going to be an exceptionally important mid-term election day in the United States. The Republicans need 40 seats to gain a majority in the House of Representatives, and only seven to win a majority in the Senate. The Democrats have already lost two safe seats in the House of Representatives at by-elections this year, in Oklahoma and Kentucky. If these results were repeated in the November elections, the Republicans would control both Houses of Congress. Even if they fall short of a majority, the combined votes of Republicans and conservative Democrats are expected to give conservatives control of both Houses.

The main hope for the Democrats is that they will be saved by the recovery in American economy. The latest figures do not suggest that the recovery is a strong one. Even before Tuesday's rise, the interest-rate increases since February had cooled down the construction industry, where output of supplies fell marginally both in June and July. This slow recovery is not likely to help the Democrats greatly. In any case, as Grover Norquist points out in the August issue of *The American Spectator*, the Democrats lost as many as 47 House seats in the mid-term elections of 1966, when Lyndon Johnson was President, though the economy of that year was stronger than it is now.

The Republicans are running against President Clinton, and the Democrats are trying to detach themselves from him. In the Kentucky election, the Democrat was not particularly liberal, but he had to give some qualified support to the Clinton healthcare plan. The Republicans broadcast a television advertisement which used computer technology to change the candidate's face into Clinton's and back again, while a voice-over listed their policy arguments. In the Senate race in California, Dianne Feinstein, a powerful Democratic senator once seriously considered as a possible candidate for the vice-presidency, is doing everything in her power to separate herself from the President, on healthcare and on everything else. Even so, Michael Huffington, the Republican millionaire, is pressing her very hard.

If the Republicans have anything like the successes in November that now seem probable, Bill Clinton will be left as a lame duck. The comparison that frightens the Democrats is with President Carter, but that is unfair to Jimmy Carter rather than to Bill Clinton. To the end of the Carter presidency there was a general American view that while he might not be an effective President, he was a very honest human being, perhaps rather too good for the wicked world in which he found himself.

This is not the American view of President Clinton. Mr Norquist sums it up: "Clinton has lost voter trust not because of a single betrayal but because of an endless string of falsehoods, fabrications, fibs and outright lies." This is no exaggeration. In Bob Woodward's *insider's study of the* Clinton presidency, *The Agenda*, Clinton's own pulsar, Stan Greenberg is quoted as reporting "one of the central problems we face is the perception that there's no coherence or principle or purpose to this President's actions".

The more specific character issues, Whitewater, the Arkansas "suicides" and the Paula Jones case undermine the President's attempts to generate support for his formal public policies. The replacement of Robert Fiske as special prosecutor in the Whitewater case after his first and much criticised report is in itself an extraordinary event, a vote of no confidence in the Fiske inquiry by the panel of judges who appoint the council.

President Clinton's lawyer, Robert Bennett, is arguing in the sexual harassment case that a sitting President has an absolute immunity from civil suits. He may or may not be right in law; the new special prosecutor, Kenneth Starr, thinks he is wrong, but the Harvard professor Lawrence Tribe thinks he is right. Either way, it is pretty damaging for a President to have to argue that he is immune from an action for sexual harassment, particularly as this immunity, if it is held to exist, applies to no other elected or appointed official under the American Constitution, not to the Vice-President, not to any Cabinet member, not to any member of either House of Congress, not to any Supreme Court judge. Lawrence Tribe suggests that this unique immunity exists "in light of the special role of the Commander-in-Chief". According to this proposition, the President, as President, can be sued for allegedly dropping his trousers, but the Commander-in-Chief, cannot. That argument is no great compliment to the armed forces.

With the new prosecutor, the Whitewater inquiry will become increasingly dangerous to the President as it moves into its Arkansas phase; that will be followed by the inquiries of a more Republican Congress. The great trouble is in Arkansas, which has been a one-party state throughout. John H. Fund, in *The Wall Street Journal*, tells the story of Gene Wirges who had the courage to be a crusading Arkansas publisher in the 1960s and 1970s, before Bill Clinton had much power. "After he printed evidence of ballot-stuffing, he escaped nine attempts on his life. He was indicted a total of seven times on slander, conspiracy and perjury charges."

Mr Wirges now says that Arkansas politics still resemble those of Mexico, a one-party state where the police are sometimes used for political repression.

These scandals have no application to the British political move to the left. Yet there are two factors which do have relevance here. The first is the speed of the Republican recovery. With no new leader — though Robert Dole is doing a very professional job as minority leader in the Senate — the Republicans have come straight back within two years from losing the White House to being within range of winning Congress. Nor are they even perfectly united; the Heseltine/Portillo split can be mirrored in the Republican policy debates.

The second matter is that the Democrats are now felt by many who voted for them to have won power on a false prospectus. People thought that Bill Clinton was offering them what would be called good non-ideological middle-class government. They now see him, and particularly Hillary, as the liberals they pretended not to be. Bill Clinton promised middle-class tax cuts, which have not happened. The middle-class Clinton voters do not believe that the health-care plan can deliver universal coverage at lower cost. They may be wrong about gun control, but many of them believe that his crime Bill would take away their guns while the criminals would keep theirs.

The Americans want less government. Even at the last presidential election, which put Bill Clinton into the White House, an exit poll showed that by 55 to 36 per cent they preferred "smaller government with fewer services and lower taxes to larger government with more services and higher taxes". The Clintons' policies have gone against this grain. There's an obvious danger that Tony Blair will win the next election by persuading the middle class that he is sympathetic to their interests but will actually find himself committed to more services, larger government and higher taxes. If that happens then, as in America, the Conservatives' recovery will be rapid and strong. Bill Clinton would probably be a one-term President even if he had no skeletons in his closet and did not come from Arkansas. But the personal scandals and those of the political machines which raised him make still more likely a rejection of his big-government policies.

The Clinton presidency will do enormous damage to the Democrats, for three reasons. He is a President without a real basis in principle. That is what those who work most closely with him told Bob Woodward. He comes from the Arkansas Democrat machine, which has been tainted with serious crime, whatever his relationship to that may have been. He campaigned as the friend of the middle classes but has proved to be another big-government liberal. His legacy is likely to be a Republican President and a Republican Congress in 1996, perhaps before the next British general election.

There is also a lesson for Britain. Politicians without a real core of conviction are a menace to themselves and to their parties. Before they take their next policy decisions, both the Labour Party and the Conservatives need to think very hard about the looming failures of the Clinton experiment.

Mandela's 100 days' credit

R.W. Johnson on South Africa's economic plight

Nelson Mandela has a lot to be cheerful about as he celebrates 100 days of the new South Africa. His own particular achievement is the benign, generous and almost non-partisan manner which has won him admirers far beyond the ANC. The mood of detente and relative calm which has followed the elections is largely due to him.

His government has less to crow about. Indeed, it has done almost nothing. No single Act has been amended, not one Bill proposed. A great deal of energy has gone into gaining control of the state apparatus, and most of the real excitement within the ANC has been over who has which job. In opposition, the ANC always had its eye particularly on gaining control of the security forces and the broadcasting service. And this it has certainly hastened to do.

But progress is slow in the ministries that matter. Despite much talk, the housing programme has yet to start. In the Johannesburg area, where the regional premier promised 150,000 new houses this year, just one has been built. The education minister has been ill for much of the time, and it seems certain that South Africa will start 1995 with the old apartheid school system pretty well intact. The only bright spot is the Ministry of Health, where the minister has launched an admirable Aids programme, which is desperately necessary given that in Natal one in ten pregnant women is now HIV-positive.

The much vaunted reconstruction and development programme is still largely a matter of words, and it seems likely that the minister responsible will fail even to spend this year's allocated money. He has no real department and will depend heavily on regional governments to implement the plan. But no money or powers have yet been ceded to the regional governments, which are appropriately indignant about the delay.

The great wave of strikes after the elections came about partly because almost all top union leaders are now in government.

On the one hand, the unions are now naively led; on the other, workers wanted to exploit their presumed new influence with government. More than a million people have applied for the few thousand civil service jobs being advertised by government. South African blacks all feel that this is their time, that their lot must now tangibly improve, and that they would be fools not to ask for more. Most will, of course, be disappointed, and Mr Mandela is only too aware of the great weight of aspirations he carries.

But he knows that development and all his social plans depend quite squarely on the economy. Pointing out that the present 2.5 per cent growth rate is barely sufficient to keep in step with population increases, he admitted in an interview yesterday that the hoped-for foreign investment has failed to materialise. He put his finger on the failure of domestic businessmen to invest, however, as the economy's most fundamental weakness. Warning of belt-tightening ahead, he pointed out that these businessmen have illegally pumped billions of rand abroad in the past year.

His prescription of lower taxes might help investment a bit (though at the price of further increasing the public debt), but no one doubts that the real obstacles in the path of both domestic and foreign investment are tough foreign exchange controls and the two-tier currency (with financial and commercial rands). Foreign investors are deterred by the difficulty of getting their money out.

Many South Africans, remembering that exchange controls were lifted briefly in the early 1980s and then reimposed, would be inclined to see their abolition now as a welcome but short-lived opportunity to get their money out. Thus the abolition would lead to a huge capital outflow before any inflow began in earnest.

It is the spectre of such huge and uncontrollable capital outflows that has caused the Governor of the Reserve Bank, Christopher Stals, to warn repeatedly against such a move. The only way out of this dilemma is for South Africa to rely on large-scale bridging finance and support from the International Monetary Fund. The sight of the IMF backing the rand would in itself do much to calm nerves in the money markets, but such an operation could be mounted only as part of a structural adjustment programme, which would demand economic sacrifices and so would be anathema to many within the ANC, who blame the IMF for ruining other African economies.

The ANC backbenchers who prevent recourse to the IMF are also quick to blame South African businessmen for their failure to invest. Some are already beginning to argue for more radical policies of state direction of investment. Should they succeed, this will doubtless cause further panic capital outflows.

Sooner or later, South Africa will have to break out of this circle. President Mandela's impatience with low investment and low growth are a sign of this. The first 100 days have passed in peace and goodwill, but the real tests are yet to come.

Lovat lost

DISCUSSIONS are at an early stage, but it is my sorry task to report that centuries of land-ownership by the Frasers of Lovat are destined to come to an end. This follows the death in March this year of Simon Fraser, Lord Lovat's eldest son, who fell from his horse and died of a heart attack just days after his youngest brother Andrew was fatally gored by a buffalo in Tanzania.

I understand that the entire fiefdom of Lovat, which stretches for more than 50,000 acres of Inverness-shire, will be sold next spring. It has been in Fraser hands since the 13th century and is likely to have a guide price approaching £20 million. The sale will mean disintegration of the Lovat estate, once the largest landholding in Europe, with acres stretching from Scotland's east coast to its west.

The chief of the Clan Fraser, the 84-year-old wartime hero Lord Lovat, still lives on the estate. The laird's daughter, Tessa Keswick, is Kenneth Clarke's political adviser. The property will be sold with its castle as well as hundreds of houses, but yesterday Giles Foster, the factor of the Lovat estate, was not available to comment.



Rumours of a sale have been circulating among Edinburgh estate agents since Simon Fraser, who inherited control of the estate when he was 25, died leaving a string of creditors as a result of failed business interests. In 1990, he sold 30,000 acres and an 11-mile stretch of the Beauly River to raise money. But yesterday, Edinburgh's estate agents were cautious: "Things are in a state of flux," said Colin Strang Steel of Knight Frank & Rutley in Edinburgh. "I think it's a bit early to say what will happen."

● *Enoch Powell really does appear to have started something with his suggestion that Jesus was not crucified but stoned. That other political philosopher and author David Selbourne is, I hear, working up to a biography of Moses.*

Pace, please

SAGE words from a master of the craft for today's England team in their final Test against South Africa at the Oval: speed up the bowling. Denis Compton was imparting advice on Tuesday evening at a *Wisden* gathering at the National Film Theatre, which is restoring footage of great cricketing feats.

Compton was fired up by watching a newsreel of his devastating performance against South Africa in 1947, when he scored four centuries, including one innings of 208 at Lord's. And that bewhiskered wicketkeeper Godfrey Evans — as well as team-mates Trevor Bailey and Jack Robertson — stood squarely behind him. "The bowlers today, they're not so quick," he thundered. "Compare them to Yardley and Trueman. And Frank Tyson in the early 1950s — he was the fastest thing you've ever seen."

● *Following the recent disclosures of ambassadorial extravagance, my snout in Moscow reports cost-saving measures at the British Embassy. The official Rolls-Royce of the Ambassador, Sir Brian Fall, languishes under a coating of dust, with flat tyres, in the embassy garage. He prefers to drive his Range-Rover.*

Extremities

IT WAS Joanna Lumley's turn earlier this week, and now the equally telegenic Tony Blair is having a go. The Labour leader has agreed to sit for Madame Tussaud's before the year is out. He will, of course, be in august company, standing next to John Major and in front of Kenneth Clarke. The late John Smith is moving round the corner to join Baroness Thatcher. "Thatcher is still a massive hit with Japanese tourists," says a spokesman. "They love to have their pictures taken with her."

As for Blair, professional opinion suggests that his ears may present a problem for the artist. Kate Braine, the sculptress whose current speciality is bronzes of famous women's breasts, explains: "He's good-looking, but his ears do stick out. It's a problem, as ears are very fiddly and can get knocked off."

Bacon saved

MOUSTACHES bristling, our gallant band of Second World War fighter pilots are dusting their wings for Saturday's first Fighter Ace Symposium at Hendon's RAF Museum. A crisp and updated record of their combat skills, *Aces High*, has been compiled by Christopher Shores and Clive Williams for the event.

But one tale concerning a feisty 74-year-old Wing Commander, Geoffrey Page, may have escaped their notice. Page shot down a Messerschmitt piloted by Luftwaffe ace Hans-Joachim "Achim" Jabs, who crash-landed his damaged machine at Deelen airfield in Holland before it burst into flames.

"I met him years later in Munich," says Page. "He was furious I'd got him — because he lost a side of bacon he was smuggling back from another airfield." After their reunion, Page quickly sent him another side of bacon. Back came the thank-you letter. "Thanks for the bacon," it read. "By the way, I forgot to tell you about the case of cognac."



Tour de force

A VALUABLE piece of British political history is floating somewhere in the labyrinthine corridors of the BBC. It is the manuscript of *Maggie's Flying Circus*, the real story of what went on during Baroness Thatcher's many jaunts abroad. A year ago, Chris Moncrieff, former political editor of PA News and author of the said document, generously lent it to a BBC researcher — who never returned it.

In the BBC's house magazine *Ariel*, the journalist — whose suit is almost as crumpled as his face — pleads for news of his opus. "Unfortunately I cannot remember to whom I sent the manuscript, which I would very much like to track down," he writes. "All I can remember is giving the BBC lady dates of virtually all of Mrs Thatcher's official overseas tours while in office."

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A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Even if the plutonium is Russian, the problem is the world's

President Yeltsin's positive response yesterday to Helmut Kohl's appeal for help in combating plutonium-smuggling is a profound relief. German irritation at Moscow's insistence that nothing is missing from Russian stockpiles is understandable — particularly in the wake of the latest seizures of plutonium-239, the most deadly of radioactive materials. But the last thing the world needs is a public slanging match between Moscow and Western governments over this supremely dangerous illicit trade.

The quantities so far uncovered, while they pose other dangers, are insufficient to make a nuclear bomb. With the exception of one consignment, so pure that it seems likely to have come from laboratory stocks, the quality, while high, is reactor-grade rather than weapons-grade. The Russians may therefore be correct that military installations are not the source. This is not yet an organised industry. The absolute priority must be to work with Russia and its neighbours to prevent it becoming one.

The West would be wise at this stage to take Russian protestations of good faith at face value, as a basis for co-operation. Once Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, started talking about "travelling salesmen with nuclear suitcases", senior Russian officials retorted that the West was conducting a smear campaign, aimed at subjecting nuclear facilities in the former Soviet Union to international control. But prior to this week, the Russian authorities had been relatively frank about the defects in their safeguards systems.

When they uncovered an attempt to steal more than six pounds of weapons-grade plutonium earlier this summer, for example, they notified the International Atomic Energy Agency.Such openness is indispensable; and Russian scientists have themselves ensured that there is a lively debate on the subject in Russia itself. Russia has two immediate needs. The first is new laws governing nuclear safeguards, and much clearer definition of the respective responsibilities of the nuclear industry, the military, and the vast Medium Machine Building Ministry — the organisation responsible for nuclear weapons manufacture which in the Soviet era controlled a huge scientific community working in ten secret cities.

Yuri Vishnevsky, head of the new Russian atomic safety inspectorate, Gosatomnadzor, has publicly complained that he lacks adequate powers to deal with these mighty ministries, which have denied access by his inspectors to some nuclear sites. They have, however, checked a third of the nearly 15,000 units authorised to work with radioactive substances; and have already uncovered 20,000 safety violations. But the maximum fine he is empowered to levy is worth no more than a few loaves of bread. Such a system is plainly not up to countering smuggling rackets — particularly since the once-sealed secret cities are now easily penetrated by would-be smugglers.

But the atomic energy minister, Viktor Mikhailov, has equally daunting problems. His ministry is responsible for 700,000 people living in the secret cities, and another 300,000 scientists, technicians and other workers elsewhere. Nothing is certain about their future, except that it is bleak, and the salaries of this once pampered elite are arriving late or not at all. When a top nuclear scientist is paid around £100 a month, it is surprising, and creditable, that so few are in league with Russia's mafia.

President Yeltsin has said that he wants to close some of these cities, and to curb production of plutonium the country no longer needs. But that will require both time and considerable investment. When the Soviet Union collapsed, Western governments pledged generous assistance for defence conversion. Beyond a few joint space and other scientific programmes, little has come of these promises. The West should offer to fund well-targeted social safety nets for those made redundant by peace, and search far more actively for joint ventures to employ Russia's scientific talents. Emergency funding of an accelerated nuclear safety programme for Russian reactors — important in itself — would be a start. Stopping this trade will be expensive, but nothing like as costly as failing to tackle the problem at its Russian source.

KEEP A LEVEL HEAD

The university admissions system needs radical reform

Today's A-level results will bring joy and disappointment to thousands of teenagers whose career prospects depend upon a single slip of paper. This year's tables may also prompt the familiar complaint that academic standards are slipping and that the A level has become a severely devalued currency since its introduction in 1951.

The marks achieved have risen for the sixth successive year; for the first time more than half of the grades awarded are A, B or C. This upward trend must, of course, continue to be monitored with great care. The qualification that Margaret Thatcher described as Britain's academic "gold standard" should not surrender its prestige. But the new code of practice for examination boards — introduced last year after fears of declining standards — appears to be working well. The achievements of school-leavers should not be attributed so dismissively to over-generous marking.

More important than the alleged decline in A-level standards are the problems which face the university admissions system. The decision by John Patten, the then Education Secretary, in December 1992, to cut the funds paid to universities on arts and social sciences courses by £550 a head has squeezed the number of places available to applicants. It has also confused them. The Government has rightly claimed credit for the expansion of higher education, encouraging applications to university; yet "stop-go" funding of college places could thwart the widening of educational opportunity.

The process of university admission is now uncertain. This year, all applications will be handled by a single bureaucratic system. This may prove to be a sensible reform and would seem to be logical now that the divide betwen universities and polytechnics has been abolished. But it is not without risk: the system could experience teething trouble. It also enables applicants to hold only two offers to institutions, as opposed to four under the old procedure.

The process of "clearing" — in which applicants who fail to achieve the necessary grades for their first choice colleges seek a last-minute place elsewhere — will be more hectic than usual. Because universities face new financial penalties if they do not award the right number of places, many have given fewer firm offers in advance and await the flexibility of clearing to reach exactly the right total. Applicants will need better advice than ever. From next Wednesday, *The Times* will be running a daily information service, publishing the places still available on degree courses, and covering a different group of subjects every day.

By this service, we hope to make decisions easier for applicants. But the fundamental strains of the admissions process cannot be disguised. The clearing procedure needs to be far more orderly: there may be a case for postponing offers until after A-level results are published so that universities can award the right number of places with as much information as possible. The review of the system being carried out by UCAS is to be welcomed: but this would also be suitable for the Commons Select Committee on Education to investigate this autumn. It should do so with a view to radical reform.

FOREIGNERS IN FLANNELS

The hare-brained TCCB has taken its eye off the ball

What should they know of England who only England know? Very little, if the latest meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) is anything to go by. In imposing a moratorium on the signing of overseas cricketers to new contracts beyond 1996, the TCCB has fashioned a policy — in response to the humbug routinely talked on the subject — that is dull-witted even by its own bleak standards. Whether at the level of a Test match or a county game, English cricket is at its lowest ever ebb. The situation is grave enough to merit a serious search of the country's cricketing soul. What it does not merit is a half-baked search for scapegoats.

The TCCB faced a suitably simple question: are the ills of English cricket due to the employment by English counties of overseas players? In concluding that they are, the TCCB has muddled cause and effect. English cricket has been enfeebled not by the presence of Brian Lara, Wasim Akram and Allan Donald, but by home-grown factors. The structure of the county game is flawed, with too many teams playing too much limited-overs cricket on wickets that breed technical complacency. And a profound wound has been inflicted on the game by ideologues in schools — whose pretensions are matched only by their stupidity — who scoff at cricket as elitist, and at other team games for reasons just as laughable.

Overseas cricketers, on the other hand, have invigorated county cricket, bringing to a jejune game — and to bored spectators — their exotic skills. At present, a county side is allowed to field no more than one overseas player at a time. There is a strong case for allowing them to field not just one, but two or three. There is none for deporting them altogether from the country's cricket fields. It is argued by the "chuck 'em out" contingent that county cricket is nothing but a handy finishing school for players from abroad who come here, take our jobs, earn our money, learn our game, and then beat us at it.

Yet given county cricket's dismal state, overseas players ought to pick up more bad habits than good ones: how to nibble at balls outside offstump; how to bowl down the legside to a packed field; how to be a spin bowler without either flighting or spinning the ball. Conversely, English players ought perhaps to learn something from their gifted team-mates from overseas. Might not batsmen at Derby have prospered from an association with Mohammed Azharuddin? Or Gloucestershire's bowlers learnt a trick or three from Courtney Walsh? Playing with, and against, players of the highest class at county level should make the transition to a Test match less of a culture shock for young English players. But try telling that to the TCCB.

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'The Three Graces' and Mr Getty

From Mr George J. Levy

Sir, I was shocked and saddened to read that Mr Paul Getty might withdraw his magnificent offer of £1 million in his overwhelmingly generous effort to save *The Three Graces* for Great Britain (report, August 17; letters, August 4, 13) because of an unfortunate remark concerning his family made inadvertently by Mr Timothy Clifford, Director of the National Galleries of Scotland, for which he has now, rightly, offered a public apology.

It would, indeed, be tragic if, because of this slip, the nation, for which Mr Getty has such high regard and to which he has been such a generous benefactor, were to be in danger of losing this lengthy battle to save the Canova, and may I, through your columns, implore Mr Getty to accept Mr Clifford's apology and confirm his intention to proceed with his most munificent and crucial donation.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE J. LEVY,
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August 17.

From Mr Roy Miles

Sir, There are two versions of *The Three Graces* by Canova. The first was in the possession of a relative of the Empress Josephine, wife of Napoleon, until it was purchased in 1901 by Nicholas II, Tsar of Russia, for the Hermitage in St Petersburg.

The Duke of Bedford viewed this on a visit to Rome when he was invited to Canova's studio and in 1817 commissioned a copy, destined for Woburn Abbey, of this strangely erotic sculpture.

The Woburn statue is a slight variant on the one in the Hermitage. This second version never proved popular and few academics and public ever viewed it. Also Canova had little influence on British artists.

The Getty Museum quite rightly wished to purchase it for America. Hiram Powers, the American sculptor, was a follower of Canova and America is *the* home for new classical art. Therefore the statue would fit in well with American heritage rather than our own, and of course would be viewed by far more people.

The British public quite rightly donated little money to this sad campaign and the behaviour of arts ministers has been appallingly shabby, giving dates to the Getty Museum and then going back on their word.

Yours faithfully,
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August 17.

From Lord Mackenzie-Stuart

Sir, Is there no one capable of stopping the nonsense of *The Three Graces*? It is a second-rate sculpture by a second-rate sculptor. The only Canova which is nastier is the one I remember on the main staircase of the National Gallery in Vienna.

The only logical place for *The Three Graces* is back where it was, at Woburn, as a monument to the taste of the Bedfords of the day. This is, apparently, not possible. If so, let Getty in California have it and let us keep our pence for something far more important.

Yours faithfully,
MACKENZIE-STUART,
7 Randolph Cliff, Edinburgh 3.
August 17.

On a losing streak?

From Mr John Howkins

Sir, The news, according to PHS (August 10), that the Cabinet Office Foresight Panel on Leisure and Learning will try to "pick winners" in the areas of new technology is very dispiriting. Governments have a bad record of picking technological winners. Government committees have a worse record.

The 1988 White Paper on Broadcasting had a rare moment of common sense when it stated: "The Government should not try to pick winners." It would be much better if the panel spiced foresight with hindsight and thought hard about why picking winners in the past has been so difficult, and the effects so damaging.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN HOWKINS,
14 Balliol Road, W10.
August 10.

Surgical spirit

From Professor Geoffrey Arthur

Sir, As a veterinary surgeon, possibly in contrast to doctors (letters, August 5, 6, 9), I was trained to value objective assessments more than anecdotal evidence. Hence the respect for the verb "to vet".

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY ARTHUR
(Chairman), Society for the
Protection of Animals Abroad,
15 Buckingham Gate, SW1.
August 10.

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Putting a face to a name on our official documents

From Mr Peter Evans

Sir, I recommend to your correspondents of August 10 and 13 on identity cards that they read your report of August 11 by Adam Sage from Paris, "French unease grows over spread of secret surveillance". They would then have a much greater understanding of the issues posed by information technology.

There is, of course, nothing wrong with a simple identity card in wartime: I have mine before me as I write. You risked jail if you did not produce it on demand to a police officer in uniform or a serviceman in uniform on duty.

The threat today is a potential linkage of information. As long ago as 1971, the Council of Europe issued a press release about the feasibility of a comprehensive system of collecting information and proposals to unify it:

"This is an accounting system for individuals in which their characteristics and changes in these characteristics are traced through life ... In data linkage, limited materials are brought together for specific purposes; population registers incorporate traditional census data brought up to date by registration; in data banks a wider range of social and economic statistics are included."

No doubt systems have become more sophisticated since then, but we, of course, have laws and a benevolent government to protect us. The French, however, have felt the need for a National Commission on Information Technology and Freedom, although Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, has rebutted President Mitterrand's call for video surveillance to be placed under its control.

Is anyone in government here worried about the civil liberty implications of the increasingly widespread use of cameras — so seductive a tool, as has been shown, in fighting crime and terrorism — or the potential information available about people's movements (an issue in France) from the record of motorway toll cards?

Yours faithfully,
PETER EVANS,
6 Foxcroft, St Albans, Hertfordshire.
August 14.

From Ms Vivien Allen

Sir, Why all the fuss about photographs on driving licences? Here in the Isle of Man we have had them for a couple of years and the sky hasn't fallen.

The process is quite simple — you do not need to provide your own photographs as for a passport. You sit down in front of a camera, the lights flash and the person in charge keys your particulars into the computer.

A minute or so later the computer, which has also scanned your signature, prints out a tamper-proof laminated card, ready signed and complete with your picture. The computer does not retain the picture or the signature so the process is repeated when you have to renew your licence.

What possible objection can there be? The picture may not be particularly flattering but mine is better than my passport photo. Why the paranoia about identity cards? I have yet to hear the civil liberties people objecting to passports.

Yours faithfully,
VIVIEN ALLEN,
8 Scarlett Road,
Castletown, Isle of Man.
August 9.

From Mr Julian Williams

Sir, The proposed new British driving licence has a European circle of stars with, in its centre, the letters UK (photograph, August 10). Is the Union Jack no longer politically correct?

Yours sincerely,
JULIAN WILLIAMS,
95e Hornsey Lane, N6.
August 10.

From Mr Bernard Hayman

Sir, The letter from Councillor Leon-Smith (August 13) squarely hits the nail.

Once the need to carry an identity card *at all times* is removed, 95 per cent of any civil liberties objection to the idea evaporates. To repeat the councillor's key phrase, "but if you are found in suspicious circumstances without a means of identification then the police should have a right to detain you until you can be properly identified".

The remaining 5 per cent is merely the thought that it is a pity that any such card should be necessary, but let it include National Insurance number, bar code, thumb print or anything else that careful consideration deems necessary. The objective is merely to prove identity.

Yours sincerely,
BERNARD HAYMAN,
Flat 2, Brewery Tower,
East Hill, Colchester, Essex.
August 13.

From Mr A. B. de M. Hunter

Sir, The most beneficial inclusion on many foreign driving licences (e.g., those issued by most states in the USA) is, I suggest, the blood group of the holder.

Yours faithfully,
A. B. de M. HUNTER,
193 Arabian Homes,
PO Box 85839,
Riyadh 11612, Saudi Arabia.

Concerns on which Healthcare 2000 should focus

From Mr Allan R. Watson

Sir, As chief executive of the largest cancer information and counselling charity in the UK, I welcome your correspondence on the formation of Healthcare 2000 (letters, July 29, August 4, 5, 8, 11). In particular I welcome the question raised by Mr A. D. Wayne (August 8): "Where is the voice of the patient?"

Most patients in Bacup's experience do not want the decision as to the best treatment for them made by a government minister. They do not want it made by a health service manager, and most do not want it made by the doctor alone. They want to be part of a team who communicate well, who are up-to-date on the relevant medical issues, and who recognise that the person at the centre of this process, making decisions about their life, is them, the patient.

Bacup applauds the formation of Healthcare 2000. We share the widespread concern about the NHS reforms: the lack of equity in service provision, the inadequacy of resources and the uncertainty and confusion with which so many patients are now faced. Having cancer, or being close to someone with cancer, is a traumatic experience, and struggling to find the best way through a fragmented health service adds to the pain. Patients must be centre stage in the debate, not just watching from the wings.

Yours faithfully,
ALLAN R. WATSON
(Chief Executive),
Bacup (British Association
of Cancer United Patients),
3 Bath Place, Rivington Street, EC2.
August 12.

From the President of the NHS Support Federation

Sir, If Professor Sir Duncan Nichol and his co-signatories (letter, July 29) suppose that by diverting our gaze to the year 2000 they can assume general acceptance of a commercial culture in the NHS they are quite wrong.

Neither the public nor the health professions had any say in the commercial ideology imposed on the NHS in the so-called reforms of four years ago. Both were, and remain, deeply antipathetic to the idea that the problems confronting the NHS can be solved by distorting it into a business format which converts patients into customers and hospitals and ambulance stations into commercially competing businesses, with the management handed over to government-appointed quangos operating in secrecy.

The members of Healthcare 2000 should be aware of the lack of real democratic legitimacy in the changes that have been forced upon the NHS and to which some of them were party. Major changes in our public institutions properly require public mandate, public consultation and public consent. What was done to the NHS had none of those.

If Sir Duncan et al will first suggest ways of mending some of the damage that has been done, of reviving public confidence in the primacy of social purposes of the NHS and restoring a sense of ownership and responsibility for it to those who use it and work in it, they will find the solution of their other concerns greatly eased.

Yours sincerely,
HARRY KEEN, President,
NHS Support Federation,
Toynbee Hall,
28 Commercial Street, E1.

From Dr David Roberts

Sir, Dr J. Rhidian Morris, chairman of the National Association of Fundholding Practices (letter, August 8), correctly states that fundholders' waiting lists have shortened. He is not correct, however, in implying that fundholders do not yet receive their "full share of NHS resources".

They do, in fact, receive far more than their fair share. Indeed, the "first-wavers", in Aneurin Bevan's words, had their "mouths stuffed with gold" to get the scheme off the ground. It was not uncommon for practices to "save" £200,000 from their annual budget in the first years.

It is an interesting fact that "savings" are kept in the practice whilst the NHS picks up the bill for overspending, loss-making, fundholding practices — an interesting way of doing business which many City readers would be delighted to emulate. Fundholding accounts for just 30 per cent of patients: the remaining 70 per cent suffer from the two-tier service inevitable from such an iniquitous distribution of NHS funds.

Were all practices to become fundholders and receive funds from the same-sized NHS resource pool then, as the size of the practice fund decreased, the standard of service provided by the practice would also deteriorate. Since fundholding has shifted the responsibility for providing the service from the health authority to the GP, the GP would be blamed by patients for that deterioration.

Who then would have benefited from the reforms?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ROBERTS (Council Member,
British Medical Association),
The Spinney, Welford, Northampton.

From Professor Sir Bryan Thwaites

Sir, The formation of Healthcare 2000 is to be welcomed as an indication of a growing awareness by the public of the ever-increasing tension between Lord Beveridge's concept of a comprehensive health service, as enshrined in the National Health Service Act of 1946 and as maintained in all later Acts, and the inescapable limits of funding.

It is not so welcome, however, if it gives the public the impression that here is an initiative with an entirely new methodology that will produce a workable plan for our national healthcare which, given political will, could be implemented to the benefit of all.

There is a huge history and literature on this subject, going back at least to 1956 when the report of the committee of inquiry into the cost of the National Health Service was published (Cmd. 9663).

The BMA's report on health services financing of 1970 was another major landmark, as was R. J. Maxwell's *Health Care: the Growing Dilemma* (1974) and the DHSS's own *Priorities in the Health and Social Services: the Way Forward* (1977). I myself am flattered that the writer of your leader of July 29, "Rational rationing", took the examples of tattoos and infertility from a lecture I gave in 1987, "The NHS: the end of the rainbow?".

Sadly, none of these efforts over the past 40 years has had any significant effect on the everyday criteria by which the individual citizen's healthcare is determined. It may be, therefore, that the problems of health rationing are incapable of rational solution.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN THWAITES
(Chairman, Wessex Regional Health
Authority, 1982-88),
Milnthorpe, Winchester, Hampshire.
August 14.

New homes for old

From Sir Ronald Lindsay

Sir, Judged by your correspondence columns (August 9, 12) the hare started by Mo Mowlam, about a new home for the royal family, is running: let's see more of its form. Should Parliament compulsorily acquire the presently under-occupied Lloyd's building in the City of London, in view of the Shadow Heritage Secretary's admiration for Sir Richard Rogers?

Perhaps it should take on a five or ten-year lease, in order to allow the House of Commons to be rebuilt to a more efficient office standard, after which Lloyd's will no doubt be expanding again and need the additional space.

Whether or not individuals should be compelled to leave their homes in the circumstances envisaged by Dr Mowlam is, of course, for the electorate to bear in mind at the next general election.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD LINDSAY,
104 Edith Road, W14.

The deaf as jurors

From Mr John Wheeler

Sir, Though I am a deaf person totally committed to equality with hearing people I consider that jury service is the exception (letters, August 5, 9, 11). A juror's judgment should depend on watching and listening to the people who are there to influence this judgment with complete concentration, not on reading a transcript of the trial a beat or two behind events.

Any written script may be misleading, since it will lack some qualities that hearing people will be able to assess in actuality. One may inform a deaf person that footsteps can be heard approaching, for example, but only give an opinion as to whether these are high-heeled shoes, steel-toed boots, etc. Witnesses' hesitations and voice changes cannot be accurately conveyed either.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WHEELER,
Silversage, 15a Albany Road,
Seaford, East Sussex.
August 12.

Frightened off

From Mrs Sheila Rhodes

Sir, I sympathise with Mrs Goodbody's plight (letter, August 12) in being unable to open the newspaper to read about arachnophobia (Body and Mind, August 9) because of the photograph of the large hairy creature.

By closing my eyes and covering the thing with a sheet of thick paper I was able to read all round it. I then threw the newspaper into the garden.

Yours faithfully,
SHEILA RHODES,
16 Cashio Lane,
Letchworth, Hertfordshire.

From Mr R. B. Cruse

Sir, I found your spider picture delightful. What really puts me off my breakfast is the regular portrayal in vivid colour on your front page of Michael Portillo.

Yours faithfully,
R. B. CRUSE,
3 Albert Road,
New Milton, Hampshire.

SOCIAL NEWS

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will open Peterhead Bay harbour and marina project, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, at noon; and will open Peterhead Community Hospital, Links Terrace, at 1.45.

The Queen will open the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, British Columbia, today. The Prince Edward, as President of the Commonwealth Games Federation, will also attend.

Birthdays today

Professor R.M. Acheson, epidemiologist, 73; Mr Brian Aldiss, science fiction writer, 69; Sir Bryan Askew, former chairman, Yorkshire Regional Health Authority, 64; Dame Josephine Barnes, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 82; Miss Nicola Bayley, writer and illustrator, 45; Sir James Birrell, former chief executive, Halifax Building Society, 61; Mr Neil Durden-Smith, sports commentator, 61; Mr Godfrey Evans, cricketer, 74; Lord Grantchester, QC, 73; Mr Robert Horton, chairman, Railtrack, 55; Dame Moura Lympany, concert pianist, 78; Sir John Mason, former director-general, Meteorological Office, 71; Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, 66; Mr H.S.K. Peppiatt, solicitor, 64; Sir David Pitblado, civil servant, 82; Mr Roman Polanski, film director, 61; Mr Justice Potts, 63; Mr Robert Redford, actor, 57; Mr Willie Rushton, author, cartoonist and broadcaster, 57; Mr Patrick Shovelton, civil aviation and shipping expert, 75; Mr P.A.C. Smith, chairman, Securicor, 74; Mr Patrick Swayze, actor, 42; General Bramwell H. Tillsley, former international leader, Salvation Army, 63; Mr Caspar Weinberger, former American Secretary of Defence, 77; Mr Charles Wilson, managing director, Mirror Group Newspapers, 59; Professor J.S.G. Wilson, economist, 78; Miss Shelley Winters, actress, 72.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Brook Taylor, mathematician, Edmonton, Middlesex, 1685; Laurence Shirley, 4th Earl Ferrers, 1720; Antonio Salieri, composer, Legnano, Italy, 1750; Meriwether Lewis, explorer, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1774; Fabian Bellinghausen, polar explorer, Osel, Russia, 1779; John Russell, Earl Russell, Prime Minister 1846-52 and 1865-66, London, 1792; Franz Joseph I, Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary, Vienna, 1830; Alain Robbe-Grillet, writer and film director, Brest, 1922.

DEATHS: Genghis Khan, Mongol emperor 1175-1227, Mongolia, 1227; Guido Reni, painter, Bologna, 1642; James Beattie, poet, Aberdeen, 1803; André-Jacques Garnerin, aeronaut, Paris, 1823; Honoré de Balzac, novelist, Paris, 1850; Sir William Fairbairn, Bt, engineer, Moor Park, Surrey, 1874; William Henry Hudson, author and naturalist, London, 1922; Sir Frederick Ashton, ballet dancer and choreographer, Suffolk, 1988.

Sydney Harbour Bridge was completed, 1930.

The first oral contraceptive was marketed by the Searle Drug Company in America, 1960.

Neanderthal tooth gives imprint of early life

BY NORMAN HAMMOND
ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE tooth of one of Britain's earliest and most northerly inhabitants has been found in a Welsh cave. Dating from about 220,000 years ago, it probably came from a teenage Neanderthal, according to Dr Stephen Aldhouse-Green of the National Museum of Wales.

The tooth was discovered earlier this month at Pontnewydd Cave, near St Asaph, Clwyd, and provides further evidence of the physical nature of early *Homo sapiens* in Britain. Although the Pontnewydd site is only half the age of Boxgrove in Sussex, where the shinbone of another early human was found last December, it has yielded many more human remains.

"The new tooth is the eighteenth fragment we have found," Dr Aldhouse-Green said. "It is important in one of two ways: it may be from an entirely new individual, increasing the number of people known from the site, or it could belong to an adolescent noted some years ago, but not found in a secure stratigraphic context." The find will be examined by Dr Chris Stringer at the Natural History Museum in London, Britain's leading expert on Neanderthal remains, and will go on display at the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff.

Excavations in the Pontnewydd cave have also yielded bones of cave bear, wolf, hyena, rhino and a leopard-like feline, all contemporaries of the cave's human occupants. Stone tools include handaxes, scrapers and a chopper made from a variety of rocks including rhyoliteand flint.

This year a buried ancient entrance has been uncovered, although the dig has so far not reached the floor level of the ancient human occupation: in 1995 Dr Aldhouse-Green hopes to find further evidence of their lives in this most northerly outpost of Ice Age hunters and gatherers, and further human remains.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Chris Hayden with Katie Collidge, 4, left, and Cherry Perry, 3. Communication is by sign language and lip-reading

Deaf children given signs of hope

BY JOHN YOUNG

ON A sunny August morning, in a green and secluded corner of Bloomsbury, children are at play. They play cricket, kick footballs, leap nimbly over skipping ropes, hurtle down slides and chase each other round the playground. But there is none of the nerve-jangling noise usually associated with such boisterous activities, for each of these children is profoundly deaf. They and their playleaders communicate by lip-reading and sign language.

Playmix, a project to bring deaf children together, was initiated three years ago by Laraine Callow, a qualified teacher who is deaf. It runs summer holiday activities throughout August for children from all over London.

"I said I would set this up because I knew from my own childhood experience how lonely it can be for children who can't communicate with others," she says. She has raised the money from various trusts and been allowed the use of buildings on the site of a former foundling hospital established by Thomas Coram, the 18th-century philanthropist and social reformer.

Handel gave concerts in the hospital, and a statue of Coram at the entrance to the grounds describes him as a pioneer in the cause of child welfare.

Playmix started with ten children and now has 60 on its register, divided into two groups, under-fives and those aged between five and 11. Most of Mrs Callow's helpers are also deaf; the youngest, John Savva, now 17, was taught to communicate 15 years ago by Mrs Callow.

The project is, she claims, the only one of its kind in Britain. Some London boroughs have given it enthusiastic support, but not all, and one of her main problems is finding transport to take the children to and from their homes.

Activities at Playmix include trips to swimming pools, adventure playgrounds and circus performances, drama workshops, making masks and models and printing T-shirts.

Noel Traynor, a deaf playleader, says: "The children enjoy playing together more than anything else. For many it is the first time they have been able to play with other children who are also deaf, so they have very little difficulty in communicating."

Mrs Callow eschews what she calls the politics of how deaf children are best taught to communicate. "Some children learn to lip-read, others use sign language and everyone gets on perfectly well," she says.

But, as one of the few trained deaf teachers in Britain, she believes strongly that they are best taught by those who are themselves deaf and who understand their difficulties.

Her ambition is to extend Playmix into a year-round operation and to reach agreements with every London borough so that all deaf children have access to the facilities it provides.

☐ *Playmix has been shortlisted for the 1994 Community Enterprise Awards, organised by Business in the Community and sponsored by* The Times *and Touche Ross. The winners in the six categories will be announced at the end of October.*

Church news

Appointments

The Rev David Boundy, Vicar, St Mary, Penzance (Truro): to be Chaplain, Convent of St Mary at the Cross, Edgware (London).

The Rev Ray Brazier, Vicar, St Matthew and St Nathanael, and Priest-in-charge, Bishopston: to be also an Honorary Canon of Bristol Cathedral (Bristol).

The Rev Paul Bromiley, Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity, Gee Cross: to be Priest-in-charge, St James, Millbrook (Chester).

The Rev Michael Champneys, Vicar, Potterspury w Furtho and Yardley Gobion and Cosgrove: now also Rural Dean of Towcester (Peterborough).

The Rev Roger Clifton, Priest-in-charge, Colerne w North Wraxall and Rural Dean of Chippenham: to be also an Honorary Canon of Bristol Cathedral (Bristol).

The Rev Christopher Clinch, Curate, Seaton Hirst: to be Team Vicar, Christ the King, in charge of Dinnington and Brunswick (Newcastle).

The Rev Ian Cowley, Rector, Church of the Ascension, Hilton, Natal, South Africa: to be Rector, Milton All Saints (Ely).

The Rev Simon Foulkes, Curate, St John the Evangelist, Boscombe: to be Priest-in-charge, Southampton St Denys (Winchester).

The Rev Simon Grigg, Assistant Curate, St James, Cowley (Oxford): to be Assistant Curate, St James, West Hampstead and St Mary, Kilburn (London).

The Rev Deborah Haggie, permission to officiate, diocese Southwark: to be Deacon (NSM), St Mary, Merton, same diocese.

The Rev Raymond Hubble, Vicar and Rural Dean of Odiham: to be also an Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral (Winchester).

The Rev Rex Hurrell, Team Rector, Swindon New Town Team Ministry and Rural Dean of Wroughton: to be also an Honorary Canon of Bristol Cathedral (Bristol).

The Rev Mary Leigh, Assistant Curate, The Ascension, Hall Green: to be Assistant Curate, St Edburgha, Yardley (Birmingham).

The Rev Francis Mason, Curate St James, Gerrard's Cross and Fulmer (Oxford): to be Priest-in-charge, Jersey, St Martin de Grouville (Winchester).

The Rev David Mayhew, Honorary Curate, High Elswick St Paul: to be Vicar, Mitford and Chaplain to Northgate Hospital (Newcastle).

The Rev Paddy Mitchell, Incumbent, East Wickham St Michael (Southwark): to be Priest-in-charge, Walsall St Andrew (Lichfield).

The Rev Deborah Moore, formerly Assistant Curate, St Peter, Hale w St Elizabeth Ashley: now Assistant Curate, St Stephen, Prenton (Chester).

The Rev Eddie O'Brien, Assistant Curate (NSM), St Stephen, Prenton: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), St Michael and All Angels, Newton (Chester).

The Rev Geoffrey Parsons, Vicar, Weaverham: to be Priest-in-charge, St Oswald, Backford and Holy Trinity, Capenhurst (Chester).

The Rev Bob Powley, Vicar, St Gabriel, Prestwich (Manchester): to be Priest-in-charge, Hargrave w Huxley, and Executive Officer, Diocesan Board of Social Responsibility (Chester).

The Rev Susan Rushton, formerly Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity and Blessed Virgin Mary, Longlevens (Gloucester): to be Priest-in-charge, St Peter, Frampton Cotterell and Chaplain, Bristol General Hospital (Bristol).

The Rev Robert Shimwell, Rector, St Silas, Glasgow (Glasgow): to be Vicar, St Mary, Upton (or Overchurch) (Chester).

The Rev Keith Smalldon, Priest-in-charge, St Andrew, Thursby and Adviser for Clergy Training, diocese Carlisle: to be Team Rector, Daventry (Peterborough).

The Rev Timothy Smith, formerly in the diocese of Grafton, New South Wales (Australia): now Assistant Curate, St Catherine, Heald Green (Chester).

The Rev Tony Sparham, Vicar, Goostrey and Director of Lay Training: to be also an Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral (Chester).

The Rev Robert Springett, Assistant Curate, Basildon, St Martin: to be Priest-in-charge, Bethus Park and South Ockendon (Chelmsford).

The Rev David Walker, Priest-in-charge, St Michael, Sutton in Ashfield (Southwell): to be Team Rector, Birkenhead Priory Team Ministry (Chester).

The Rev Michael Walters, Vicar, St John, Knutsford: to be also an Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral (Chester).

The Rev Richard Wheeler, Team Rector, Southampton City Centre: to be also an Honorary Canon of Winchester Cathedral.

The Rev John Yallop, Curate, St John, Worksop (Southwell): to be Priest-in-charge, Margate St Paul (Canterbury).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Christopher Back, Vicar, St Mark, Noel Park (London): to resign as from October 1.

The Rev Peter Barratt, Vicar, Bosley, North Rode, Wincle and Wildboarclough (Chester): to retire as from October 31.

The Rev William Charlton, Vicar, Kingston upon Hull, St Alban (York): to resign as from August 31.

The Rev Michael Comer, Vicar, Hattersley (Chester): to retire as from October 31.

The Rev Anette Cuff-Fuller, Deacon (NSM), Bracknell (Oxford): to resign as from September 5.

The Rev Anthony Davies, Vicar, Cross Heath St Michael and All Angels (Lichfield): to resign as from August 31.

The Rev Canon Kenneth Harris: retired as Executive Officer, Board for Social Responsibility (Chester), as from July 31, and to retire as Vicar, Hargrave w Huxley, same diocese, as from September 30, and then to be appointed a Canon Emeritus of Chester Cathedral.

University news

Oxford

Dr Angus D. Macintyre, Senior Fellow of Magdalen College Oxford, has been appointed Principal of Hertford College Oxford from August 1, 1995, upon the retirement of Sir Christopher Zeeman.

Kent

Appointments and Promotions

Professor Richard Burns, Professor of Environmental Microbiology, to be Director of the Biological Laboratory.

Professor Stephen Davidson, Professor of Applied Chemistry, to be Director of the Chemical Laboratory.

Dr Richard Collier, Senior Lecturer in Electronic Engineering, to be Director of the Electronic Engineering Laboratories.

Professor John Strange, Professor of Experimental Physics, re-appointed Director of the Physics Laboratory.

Professor Christopher Hann, Professor of Social Anthropology, to be Dean of Social Sciences.

Professor Leslie Johnson, currently Professor of Information Management at Brunel University, to be Director of Canterbury Business School from September 1.

Professor Michael Calnan, Professor of the Sociology of Health Studies, to be Director of the Centre for Health Services Studies from October 1.

Mr Paddy Ireland to be Chairman of the Law School.

Ms Margaret Coutts, currently Associate Librarian at the University of Aberdeen, to be Librarian from October 1.

Dr Mark Rake, currently Consultant Physician and Director of Medical Specialisms at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital NHS Trust, to be part-time Dean of the Institute of Medicine and Health Sciences, from October 1.

Promotions

Dr Graham Anderson, Reader in Classics, to be Professor of Classics.

Mr Anthony Skillen, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, to be Reader in Philosophy.

Dr Richard Langley, Reader in Antenna Systems, to be Professor of Antenna Systems.

Dr Diego Zancani, Reader in Italian Renaissance Studies, to be Professor of Italian.

Professor Seizaburo Sato, Vice-Chancellor of Chaucer College, to be Honorary Professor of Public Policy and International Relations for five years from July 1.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.J. Allen and Mlle C.D. Boden

The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Allen, of Brussels, Belgium, and Coralie, eldest daughter of M Richard Boden and of Mme Claude Lacroix, of France.

Mr M.P.B. Bell and Miss S.M. Davies

The engagement is announced between Matthew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Bell, of Market Lavington, Wiltshire, and Sharon, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Davies, of Singapore.

Mr M.D. Dick and Miss S.R. Lampkin

The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Dick, of Blenheim, New Zealand, and Sally, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William Lampkin, of Shepperton, Middlesex.

Mr C.M. Johnston and Miss C.L. Bowley

The engagement is announced between Craig, only son of Mr and Mrs J.M.B. Johnston, of Dronfield Woodhouse, Sheffield, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F.L.W. Bowley, of Ragdale, Leicestershire.

Mr C.B.R. Merritt and Miss C.J. Reid

The engagement is announced between Ben, son of Commander and Mrs Donald Merritt, of Midhurst, Sussex, and Charlotte, daughter of Major and Mrs Jeremy Reid, of Westbury, Wiltshire.

Mr J.P.C. Silsby and Miss S.A. Russ

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Silsby, of Purley, Surrey, and Sally, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Frederick Russ, of Alford, Aberdeenshire.

Mr M.M.B.J. Tasker and Miss T-A. Faulkner

The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of the late Frederick Tasker and of Mrs Elvira Tasker, and Tracey-Anne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Faulkner, of Chipperfield, Hertfordshire.

Marriages

Mr K.D. Clancy and Miss C.P. Corrigan

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 13, 1994, at St John's Church, Tadworth, of Mr Kenneth Clancy, son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Clancy, of Kilrush, to Miss Caroline Corrigan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Corrigan, of Kingswood, Surrey. Canon William Westlake officiated.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Linda Corrigan and Miss Mai Clancy. Mr David Clancy was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Lord Gray and Mrs P. Williams

The marriage took place at Little Easton Church, Essex, on Friday, August 12, 1994, between Angus, Lord Gray and Cilla, Mrs Paul Williams. The Very Rev Allan Maclean, Provost of St John's Cathedral, Oban, Argyll, officiated.

Appointments

Ms Diana Kahn has been appointed Deputy Director General at the Office of the National Lottery (Offot) from September 5, 1994.

Latest wills

Mr George Boughen Graham, QC, of Penrith, Cumbria, the barrister who specialised in tax matters acting mostly against the Crown, Aldermanic Sheriff of the City of London 1971-72, and former Chancellor of the Dioceses of Wakefield and Sheffield, left estate valued at £534,669 net.

Sir Barry Albert Cross, FRS, of Cambridge, former head of the Institute of Animal Physiology and Genetics Research, and Secretary of the Zoological Society of London 1988-92, left estate valued at £18,747 net.

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BAXTER - On August 14th, to Caroline (née Tate) and Nic, a son, Reuben David Tate, a brother for Joshua.

BINGHAM - On August 16th, to Sarah (née Morse) and George, a daughter, Charlotte.

GATEHOUSE - On August 16th, to Davina and Michael, a daughter.

HALSTEAD - On August 11th at The Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Ana (née Whitmarsh) and Tim, a son, James Thomas Timothy.

HELMSLEY - On August 16th, to Susi (née Fernandez) and Christopher, at Clinique de Genolier, Switzerland, a son, David Edward. Deo Gratias.

HEWITT - On August 10th 1994, to Jane (née Bratsyn) and Simon, a son, Alexander Guy Derek.

HOLLINGSWORTH - On August 15th 1994, to Paula (née Wood) and Christopher, a son, Archie Christopher, a brother for Edward and Richard.

KLEINWORT - On August 16th 1994, to Lucinda (née Shand Kydd) and Richard, a son, Rufus Drake.

LACE - On August 12th, to Sue (née Jackson) and Peter, a third son, Jack, sadly three months early and stillborn.

MIDDLETON - On 10th August, to Caroline and Richard, a daughter, Hannah Page

BIRTHS

MITCHELL
On 15th August at Wordsley Hospital, Stourbridge, to Joanne (née Griffiths) and Mark, a son, Gregory William. Love and congratulations from Helen and John.

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PACE - On The Glorious 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Gena (née Lister) and Forrest, Jr., a brilliant son, Forrest, III: 6lbs 14oz.

PETERS
On 17th August 1994 to Nicola and Andrew, a son, Adam Robert Carlton, a brother to Rebecca and Tessa.

WACKETT - On August 6th, to Caroline (née Burt) and Marcus, a wonderful son, Benjamin James G. Edward.

WARDLE - On August 15th, to Janet (née Thomas) and Geoffrey, a daughter, Caroline Margaret, a sister for Christopher.

WOOD - On August 17th, to Diana (née Robinson) and Norman, a daughter, Kathleen Elizabeth.

WYNTER - On August 6th, to Hilary (née Ohlson) and Julian, a son, Francis Charles, a brother for Tom and Georgia.

MARRIAGES

AFFLECK-TSUI - On 10th August 1994 at Sleaford, Lincolnshire, Sean Affleck to Manwah Ruby Tsui of Hong Kong.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

PRAILL-BECKWITH - On August 18th 1934 at Chelmsford Cathedral, John to Helen. Congratulations from the family.

DEATHS

ARMSTRONG - Larry OBE, MA (Cantab), C.Engineering, FICE, 17th August 1994 aged 82, Peacefully at home in Lyme Regis with his family. Much loved father of Stuart, Julia and Rosy. Funeral Service on Wednesday 24th August at 3pm at St Michael's Parish Church, Lyme Regis. Family flowers only. Donations to Macmillan Nursing Service and Leukaemia Research Fund may be sent c/o W.G. Potter Funeral Directors, 6 West Street, Axminster, Devon.

BAAL - Anne Mary (née Scicluna Testaferrata), former Senator of the States of Jersey, of 26 Midvale Road, St Helier, on Sunday 14th August 1994, beloved wife of the late Keith Baal, Constable of St Helier, much loved mother of Diana, Josephine, Zoë and Vicky and dear mother-in-law and grandmother.

BEAGLEY - On August 14th, in Margate Hospital, after a long illness, Eric Charles aged 81. Funeral Service, Thanet Crematorium, Monday, August 22nd at 11.30 am.

DEATHS

BERMAN - On 13th August in the Eastbourne District General Hospital, Humphrey David, aged 90 years. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium Main Chapel on Friday 26th August at 1 pm. No flowers but if desired donations to Charity of one's own choice.

CHAMIER - On August 14th, at home, the Reverend Peter Lewis Deschamps Chamier, after a long illness. Dear husband of Barbara, loved father of Catharine, Anthony and Caroline and father-in-law of Peter, Sally and Estyn. So proud grandfather of James, Rebecca, Jennifer, Clare, Mark and Nicholas. Requiem on Saturday August 20th at 11.30 am in Little St Mary's, Cambridge. Funeral at his former Church of All Saints', Sutton-on-Trent, at 2.30 pm on Monday September 5th. No flowers please. Donations to Church Funds.

CLIFFORD - On 12th August 1994, in Malta, John Vernon, aged 53 years, son of Diana and the late Henry Clifford and brother of Peter and Jenny. Funeral Service 12.40 pm on Friday 19th August at Worthing Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if wished to St Bridget's Cheshire Home c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, West Sussex, tel: (0903) 234516.

DAY - Louise Antoinette Margaret, beloved wife of Frank and loving mother of Jonathan and Michael, at home 14th August 1994. Service will take place at Holy Trinity, Bosham, on Tuesday 23rd August at 3.15pm, followed by private cremation.

DEATHS

DINSHAW - On August 17th, peacefully at home in Karachi, after a long and noble life, Khorshed, beloved wife of the late Hoshang N.E. Dinshaw, and a most deeply loved and selfless mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother.

HILLIARD - On August 16th at St Clement's Nursing Home, after a long illness bravely borne, Elsie Marjorie, dear wife of Frederick and loving mother, grandmother and friend. Cremation at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich, on Friday August 19th at 4 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Parkinson's Disease Society c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich.

LONGLEY - On August 17th 1994 aged 53 years, David Graham M.A. (Cantab) of Joseph Weld Hospice, Dorchester, Dorset. Much loved husband of Margaret and dearly loved father of Helen and Kathryn. Funeral Wednesday 24th August at Weymouth Crematorium 12.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Joseph Weld Hospice or The British Diabetic Association c/o Grassby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester. tel: (0305) 262338.

ROTTER - Joachim, in Italy on 10th August. Funeral at Hoop Lane Crematorium, Monday 22nd August at 11am. No flowers.

DEATHS

ROXBURGH - Caroline, on 16th August 1994 at her home in Suffolk. Her husband is very much indebted to the medical profession, in particular to Dr. Carmel Coulter. A service will be held on Friday 19th August 1994 at West Suffolk Crematorium, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk at 3 pm. No flowers. Donations to the Cancer Research Fund.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

WRIGHT - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Basil Wright, Master at King's School, Bruton, from 1949 to 1987, will be held at St Mary's Church, Bruton, at 11.30 am on Saturday 24th September, followed by a light lunch in the School. All Old Brutonians and friends would be most welcome.

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OBITUARIES

REAR-ADMIRAL SIR HUGH JANION

Rear-Admiral Sir Hugh Janion, KCVO, died of cancer on August 12 aged 70. He was born on September 28, 1923.



PROMOTED a rear-admiral in 1975, Hugh Janion was appointed Flag Officer Royal Yachts and Captain of HM Yacht *Britannia*, a post he held for the unusually long period of six years until 1981.

A much respected and valued member of the royal household, he was responsible for the operation and maintenance of the *Britannia* throughout a wide range of official duties, including the bicentenial tour to the United States in 1976, the Silver Jubilee celebrations throughout 1977 and a series of voyages promoting British business interests abroad.

In the Royal Yacht, mistakes and gracelessness are simply not allowed to happen; Janion's leadership combined an appropriately urbane courtiership with an unforgiving seaman's eye and a notably cheerful wit.

The son of a naval engineer captain, Hugh Penderel Janion went to Dartmouth as a naval cadet at the age of 13 in 1937. Graduating during the war he saw service as a midshipman in the battleship *Rodney*, then Home Fleet flagship, before participating in the escorting of convoys to Russia in the cruiser *London* and down the east coast of the United Kingdom in the destroyer *Brocklesby*.

In the Mediterranean in 1943 *Brocklesby* participated in the landings in Sicily and at Salerno. After the war, he served in the destroyer *Constance* in the Far East and in the cruiser *Jamaica* in the West Indies. When in the frigate *White Sand Bay*, he took part in the Malayan emergency and in the Korean War operations of 1950, including General Douglas MacArthur's masterstroke, the landing at Inchon.

Specialising as a navigation and aircraft direction specialist, he served in four aircraft carriers before being promoted Commander in 1958 and going to the US as an instructor in advanced naval command systems.

Having commanded the Algerine class minesweeper, *Jewel*, in the Dartmouth Training Squadron, his subsequent tours as a commander in that rank culminated in the large carrier *Ark Royal* as second in command from which he was promoted to Captain in 1966. After two years at the Ministry of Defence and Bath dealing with naval weapon procurement programmes, Janion commanded a frigate squadron from the Leander class frigate *Aurora*. He was the senior naval member of the staff of the Joint Services Staff College, 1970-72. There then followed two years as the Captain of the Fleet on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief at his Northwood headquarters. This post combined the roles of personnel manager and adviser to the C-in-C as well as ombudsman for the officers and men of the seagoing Navy.

Janion's sure touch with people coupled to his wide experience and good judgment made him both effective and popular.

His final post as a captain was in command of the guided missile destroyer *Bristol*. Janion himself used to tell the story of how, one night when at anchor at Milford Haven, he was startled to be awoken by a young sailor looking like a Martian, dressed in the outfit of full fire-fighting clothing with breathing apparatus. "Good heavens" said Janion, "why are you dressed like that?" "Sir, ship's on fire" was the reply. As indeed it was; a fractured fuel line had started a fire in the steam propulsion room which caused considerable damage and sadly marred the end of what had been a happy and successful commission.

In 1981 he was given the task of masterminding the collation, display and acknowledgement of the some 6,000 wedding presents received by the Prince and Princess of Wales, a duty discharged with Janion's usual flair and attention to detail.

Appointed KCVO on retirement, he worked for the anti-aircraft weapons company B-MARC as a technical adviser for five years and was chairman of the British Naval Equipment Association

He undertook a multitude of activities upon his second retirement. A keen sailor, he was a member of the Imperial Poona Yacht Club, served on the Committee of the Royal Yacht Squadron at Cowes and was a Younger Brother of Trinity House.

Having taken up golf late in life, he was captain of the RN Golf Society and, for six years until 1992, vice-chairman of the Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785; this last capacity allowing him to demonstrate a rare talent as a polished and humorous after dinner speaker.

He is survived by his wife Monica, whom he married in 1956, and their son and daughter.

JEAN-DOMINIQUE FRATONI

Jean-Dominique Fratoni, known in the 1970s as "King of the Riviera casinos", died in Lausanne on August 4 aged 71. He was born in the southern Corsican village of Cuttoli-Corticchiatto on February 1, 1923.



KNOWN in the Côte d'Azur and Italian underworlds as "Monsieur Jean-Do", Jean-Dominique Fratoni looked the part. He was a burly man who dressed, gangster-style, in navy blue pin-striped suits and who had permanent bodyguards. He had a soft voice with a lilting Corsican accent. For two decades, he was one of the most feared men in Nice and along the Riviera where his legitimate business was running casinos, including the Ruhl on the Promenade des Anglais at Nice.

He fled his Nice villa after his 1978 conviction, in his absence, for fraud and for buying the votes of a shareholder of the rival and equally large Palais de la Méditerranée casino, almost next door to the Ruhl. The shareholder involved was Agnes Le Roux, daughter of the Méditerranée's owner, Madame Renée Le Roux. The latter had resisted Fratoni's repeated efforts to buy her out. The daughter, however, was more amenable.

The mother later said that three million francs (£300,000 at the time) had been paid to her daughter, who disappeared without trace in 1977. Mme Le Roux maintained publicly that Fratoni had somehow been involved in what the police considered a murder case provoked by the "war of the casinos". Fratoni remained in exile for the rest of his days, giving interviews and appearing on French television from his Swiss base to deny mounting allegations.

More jail terms and heavy fines were handed out in Nice courts in the 1980s, always in his absence, but Fratoni, the longtime friend of Nice's then mayor, Jacques Médecin, now himself awaiting extradition from Uruguay, was never the object of an international arrest warrant or extradition proceedings. It was suspected he knew too much about the behind-the-scenes "management" of the Riviera and of the so-called Italian influence along the world's most famous coastline.

Fratoni, who came from a very poor background, was helped during his ascension by political friends and the fact that he had served well in a Resistance group during the war. He started his career in the gambling world as a "casino consultant", the first man to have thought up this job description. In the early 1950s he acquired the Sainte-Maxime casino, across the bay from St Tropez, and then took stakes in the Saint-Raphael and Juan-les-Pins casinos, where Frank Sinatra used to play.

He sought without success to acquire the Palm Beach casino in Cannes, then the leading casino on the Riviera, but failed in the face of a counter-bid by Lucien Barrière, the respected owner of luxury hotels and casinos across France.

Stung by this failure, he moved to London where he was one of the founders in 1964 of the Victoria Sporting Club which proved a goldmine in the late 1960s. However, a Corsican of his background and acquaintances, obviously felt more at home in the South of France. He returned to Nice in 1968 and bought a small gambling club, the Casino Club, transforming it into one of the top 20 among France's 147 casinos. The next step was the Ruhl, a famous address since the 1920s where he invested several million pounds on the decor of the gaming rooms, bars and restaurants with their thick blue carpets. The actor Alain Delon and the actress Charlotte Rampling were on the star-studded guest list on opening night, along with Médecin, a friend since childhood.

Fratoni announced to everyone that he would buy the Méditerranée and transform Nice into a European Las Vegas. One of his gimmicks was the introduction of £5,000 plaques. Mayor Médecin, on his world travels, promoted the idea as he gave out his phoney visiting cards marked "President of the French Riviera".

Fratoni, who said that the shareholding in his gambling empire consisted of "51 per cent family, 49 per cent Italian friends", was long suspected of being the Mafia's man on the Côte d'Azur. Certainly, in his day Mafia bosses would holiday or "rest" on the Côte d'Azur to put a certain distance between them and the Italian police. The advent of more determined young investigating magistrates in Italy, bent on extradition, and, to a more limited extent, young magistrates in France, has made this habit less advisable while Mafia interests have moved back to Marseilles and the neighbouring Var department.

Fratoni's Las Vegas dreams came to nothing in the face of Mme Le Roux's refusal to sell, combined with the growing interest in his affairs by the French fraud squad and the disappearance of Agnes Le Roux.

Fratoni fled across the border to Switzerland, but continued to have a large say in the running of his former casinos. He had deposited a fortune in Switzerland from his "golden days", something that earned him another two-year sentence in his absence along with five years for buying the Ruhl votes and millions of pounds in fines, which were never paid. The Art Deco Méditerranée eventually closed and the Corsican's dream of uniting the two famous casinos faded for ever. The current Ruhl makes large sums from the slot machines allowed into France after Fratoni's flight.

Fratoni spent periods in South America — he was expelled on one occasion from the Dominican Republic — and later divided his time between Lugano, and Marbella. In 1992 the sentences against him became invalid by virtue of a statute of limitations and he had the right to return to Nice. However, by then he was ill and preferred to remain in Switzerland. Meanwhile, his old friend Médecin, who had ruled Nice for 25 years, had also fled Nice to escape fraud charges and now faces extradition from his Uruguayan hideout. He is expected to return shortly in handcuffs. The dreams of the two friends for Nice were dashed. Or, as one commentator said of Fratoni's life and career "from banco to fiasco". His marriage ended in divorce and he leaves a son.

DENNIS FLANDERS

Dennis Flanders, artist, died on August 13 aged 79. He was born on July 2, 1915.



"One of the finest streets in Europe": a drawing of Grey Street, Newcastle, showing the Theatre Royal on the left, by Dennis Flanders

DENNIS FLANDERS was one of Britain's most talented watercolourists and illustrators, who specialised in drawing Britain's towns, villages and many exceptional buildings. As a young man, he had considered training as an architect and his work was not only unashamedly charming but also accurate in a draughtsmanlike way. There were very few spots in Britain he did not enjoy contemplating — a few eyesores left over by the Industrial Revolution in the Midlands, perhaps. But for the rest of the country, he could as easily communicate the beauty of York Minster, King's College Chapel or the centre of Newcastle upon Tyne, as that of a controversial modern tower block like Centre Point at the north end of Oxford Street.

Forty years ago, when illustrations were not regarded merely as poor substitutes for photographs, his pen-and-ink sketches regularly graced the pages of *The Sunday Times*, *The Daily Telegraph* and the *Illustrated London News*. The tide of fashion may have left him behind to an extent, but within the profession he remained highly respected.

Flanders was brought up working for newspapers before the war, and his later watercolours tended to reflect this in their accurate, linear qualities. Indeed some critics thought of him as a draughtsman who then "coloured in" his drawings — a rather old fashioned approach to watercolours — though this would be to underestimate his excellent eye for colour. On the first exhibition of his work, at Messrs Colnaghi's in London in 1947, a more enthusiastic judge, Hugo Wortham, the longstanding editor of *The Daily Telegraph*'s Peterborough column, wrote: "when he adopts the grand manner he reminds one of Piranesi". Flanders found the reference amusing: he had not heard of Piranesi at the time, and in any case his style was more appropriate to the gentler qualities of our scenery and climate.

His technique remained unchanged over the years. Perched on a collapsible metal stool, with a small paintbox and biscuit tin of pencils by his side and a cap on his head, whatever the weather, Flanders began every watercolour or sketch, without exception, on the spot. This was a method which enabled him to watch the shadows move, to observe people grouping and regrouping, and thus to capture accurately the atmosphere of the place. Once the general view was decided upon and the detail worked out, he would return to his studio to execute the big colour washes, such as water and sky, in undisturbed comfort.

Dennis Flanders was born in Walthamstow. His father was a piano teacher, his mother a talented amateur painter and miniaturist. As a keen sketcher from the age of five, he was always technically advanced for his years, and at the age of seven he won the Princess Louise Gold Medal from the Royal Drawing Society. He was educated at Merchant Taylor's School and studied art at Regent Street Polytechnic, St Martin's Art School and the Central School of Arts and Crafts.

As a young man he found employment as an interior designer — something he did not enjoy — but his Damascan conversion to the possibilities of architectural drawings came at the age of 21. Strolling down Oxford Street during his lunch hour, he looked into Bumpus' bookshop (now gone) and saw Muirhead Bone's inspirational drawings of Spain — its palaces, ports and people. He decided at that moment to do the same thing in England.

He learnt the craft under a friend, Hanslip Fletcher, a well-known illustrator of London life between the wars for *The Sunday Times*, and in 1937 set up as a freelance illustrator. During the war he served with the St Paul's Watch and later in the Royal Engineers. He became obsessed by the damage done to buildings by the Blitz, and, in free moments, sketched among the rubble in London, Bristol, Bath, Exeter and Canterbury. "It would be a wicked lie to say I enjoyed it... but the exciting visual effects of ruined streets, gutted churches, floors strewn with charred timbers, tottering walls, with streaks of purple and crimson caused by heat, melted lead with silver streaks, huge holes in the ground, all these had a profound effect on my work".

Perhaps most importantly, they liberated him from the restricting discipline of pen-and-ink, which suddenly seemed inadequate and academic in the circumstances, and made him experiment with charcoal, carbon-pencil, watercolour, chalk, brown ink and tinted paper. His drawings suddenly became freer and more emotional. Many of them are now housed in the Imperial War Museum and the Guildhall Collection in London.

After the war he illustrated for the *Yorkshire Post*, the *Birmingham Post*, *The Sunday Times* and finally, under Sir Bruce Ingham, had an eight-year stretch from 1956, as one of the *Illustrated London News*'s core team of artists.

When that ended in 1964 he abandoned artistic journalism for the life of the freelance, exhibiting in commercial galleries and holding one man shows. He travelled extensively in Europe, and particularly loved drawing Vienna. When newspaper work largely dried up in later years, he was always kept busy with private commissions. He was one of the 80 members of the Royal Watercolour Society. His published works included *Britannia* (1984) and *The Twelve Great Livery Companies of London* (1974). His pictures could be found in *Soho for East Anglia*, *Chelsea*, *Bolton Abbey* and *A Westminster Childhood*.

Dennis Flanders is survived by his wife Dalma, whom he married in 1952, and a son and a daughter, the latter of whom is a jewellery designer.

ENID BALINT-EDMONDS

Enid Balint-Edmonds, psychoanalyst and welfare worker, died on July 30 aged 90. She was born in London on December 12, 1903.



DURING her long life a number of notable contributions were made by Enid Balint-Edmonds: in the organisation of welfare services, the training of social workers and the development of psychoanalysis.

During the Second World War when the civilian population was faced with widespread social dislocation, she organised the Citizens Advice Bureaux in London on behalf of the Family Welfare Association. When peacetime came she began to recognise the significance of marital problems and related family stress in the ostensibly practical problems facing the general public, and so in 1948 she initiated a small group of Family Welfare Association staff to explore the possibility of offering more effective help. This led her to the creation of the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations, and to the recruiting of Michael Balint, a psychoanalyst at the Tavistock Clinic, for technical help. They later married.

The result was the founding of the Family Discussion Bureau which had as its aim the study of marital tensions and the development of an appropriate method of training staff most of whom were social workers. The bureau has had an impressive history since then, has frequently been consulted by the Home Office, and is now known as the Tavistock Marital Studies Institute.

She then joined her husband, Michael Balint, in his parallel endeavour for general practitioners at the Tavistock Clinic and later at University College Hospital. They used similar group methods to enable the doctors to increase their sensitivity to emotional factors in their patients' complaints and to develop appropriate responses according to the context of general practice and their own talents. In recognition of this work she was made an honorary fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners in 1980.

Her third contribution was in the field of psychoanalysis. She started her training at the London Institute of Psycho-Analysis in 1948 and became a training analyst herself in 1963.

What she brought to her patients and colleagues was very distinctive, though hard to describe. Although she was well versed in contemporary psychoanalytic ideas and had a high regard for them she was very cautious about their use. She was aware of how easily a concept can be used to short-circuit an investigation and so be used to substitute a notion for a revelation. A recently published collection of her papers has exactly the title one might have expected: "Before I was I." She was a frequent visiting lecturer at overseas universities and held a number of offices in the Institute of Psycho-Analysis. Her influence among trainees has been immense.

She was married three times and is survived by her husband, Robin Edmonds, and two daughters.

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THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE TROOPS LANDED IN FRANCE

The following statement was issued last night by the Press Bureau:—
The Expeditionary Force, as detailed for foreign service, has been safely landed on French soil. The embarcation, transportation and disembarcation of men and stores were carried through with the greatest possible precision and without a single casualty

SCENES AT BOULOGNE

A Special Correspondent of the *Daily Mail* at Boulogne gives the following description of the landing of troops there:—

For two days the finest troops England has ever sent across the sea have been marching through the narrow streets of old Boulogne in solid columns of khaki, thousands upon thousands of them roaring as they pass that new slogan of Englishmen: "Are we downhearted? . . . N-o-o-o-o-o-o!" "Shall we win . . . Y-e-e-e-e-s-s-s."

Today (August 15) they are marching to the camps on the hills above Boulogne. Watch them as they pass, every man in the prime of life, not a youth or stripling among them. Their shirts are open at the front, and as they shout you can see the working of the muscles of their throats, their wide-open mouths and rows of dazzling teeth. Every movement spells fitness for the field, for long marches by day and longer nights in the trenches.

I can see them again, with their brown, jolly faces, full of laughter, and hear them still shouting and singing, "It's a long way to Tipperary, it's a long way to go," while the officers, with the quiet, confident smiles ride between, raising hands in salute to their French comrades in arms on the pavements.

This morning's *France du Nord* says with justice: "The gallant bearing of the men, their gaiety, fine looks, muscular appearance, as well as their splended conduct, are of happy augury." If physical strength and a happy disposition, added to fine training, can win the day, these troops will add many a battle name to their roll of victories.

A wonderful invasion. How many more thousands are to come no one knows. Transport after transport glides into the harbour or ranges along the quay where the Folkestone boats lie, and out they come each man neat and clean, as for parade, hard and fit.

At 6 o'clock yesterday General Sir John French came, the man under whom these tens of thousands of British troops will fight. He came like the great commander standing on the quarter-deck of the scout *Sentinel*, with his war staff around him. Boulogne rushed to the quays and raised a cheer as the black and warlike *Sentinel* slipped into the harbour. On the quay stood "Daru, Governor of Boulogne", white-haired and white-moustached, the embodiment of French official courtesy and military precision.

A crane swung a long gangway from quay to war vessel and Daru descended. For two minutes the General and the Governor stood talking, each with his hand raised to the salute. It was one of the historic moments of this marvellous war.

ON THIS DAY

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"Old Contemptibles" was the taunt hurled by the Kaiser at the BEF, who were in action a week later at Mons and in October at Ypres.

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The height of Alpine danger

BY RONALD FAUX

THE challenges and summer beauties of the Alps — where 22-year-old British student athlete James Smitherman died this week — are tempting increasing numbers to cross the border dividing the tourist from the serious mountaineer.

The cost of failure or mistake can be high even for the most experienced, as was also shown by the recent death of Dr Stephen Carswell, who was trapped with his wife and her son for two days after falling into a crevasse.

Derek Walker, general secretary of the British Mountaineering Council, maintains that his sport is one of the fastest growing, with an estimated 700,000 climbers and 4 million walkers from Britain alone. Increasing numbers of these are wanting to test their new skills on the world's mountain ranges and especially the Alps.

One trend which accounts for some of the growth is the spread of indoor climbing walls around the country. There are about 400 artificial cliffs on which climbers can safely train for natural rock faces. The Foundry Wall, in Sheffield, claims a membership of 26,000.

From artificial cliffs, beginners progress through a local club or on a climbing course. their ability to tackle increasingly difficult routes matched, ideally, by a proper mastery of safe techniques.

Rock climbing and fell walking have long been recognised as invaluable aids in education, with courses arranged for young people through such organisations as Outward Bound and at centres operated by local education authorities. Many young people enter the sport by this route.

Other courses for the public are arranged through such specialist training centres as Plas-y-Brenin, in North Wales, and Glenmore Lodge, in the Cairngorm mountains.

The Association of British Mountain Guides qualifies its members to the highest international standard and they operate in Britain and on the Continent, giving instruction on an individual or group basis.

The professional guides also operate with the Jonathan Conville Memorial Trust, set up by the parents of a boy who died in a climbing accident on the Matterhorn. The aim is to give subsidised three-day basic training courses for young people in safe mountaineering technique.

Bill O'Connor, British mountain guide and author, says that risk — minimised by proper use of rope and protection — makes mountaineering the most exhilarating of sports.

"You can start on a small crag in Derbyshire and graduate to the Alps and the Himalayas, but the basic safety code is the same," he says. "Too often I cringe when I see people out in the hills climbing dangerously without apparently realising that they are at risk. I cannot comment on the recent accident, but glaciers are a particularly dangerous area because the threat is not always obvious. I have seen a line of climbers moving together with yards of loose rope between each individual. That is lethal. The rope must be tight between each one otherwise, as someone once put it, 'one off, all off'. These things can only be learnt by experience — which may be the hard way — or by proper instruction."

Details of courses and advice on making the transition from rambler to mountaineer from the British Mountaineering Council, Crawford House, Precinct Centre, Booth Street East, Manchester M13 9RV (061 273 5835). British Mountain Guides are at Capel Curig, Gwyndd, LL24 OET (06904 386).



Descending the Midi Ridge in the Mont Blanc area: mastery of technique is vital

Help for women travellers

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

COURSES advising women travellers how to cope with problems in the world's most challenging regions have been set up in Bristol.

The day-long seminars are attended by women aged between 16 and 75, many of them travelling for the first time alone.

Ian Roberts, a partner in the Marco Polo Travel Advisory Service, which charges £29.50 for the seminars, said: "We give advice ranging from what to pack to how to deal with unwanted attention on a bus in India."

The company carried out a survey which revealed that 24 per cent of lone women travellers feared sexual harassment or rape, 17 per cent feared robbery, 17 per cent worried about becoming stranded or lost, 16 per cent feared illness and another 6 per cent loneliness. 20 per cent were worried about "other things", including snakes and spiders and having nowhere to stay.

The next course begins in October.

It's no fun being German

BY ROGER BOYES

GERMAN holidaymakers are returning home and heading straight from the beaches to the courtroom. Some 500,000 complaints a year are lodged by disappointed German tourists and about 15 per cent of them have to be settled by a judge.

Europe's largest travel agency, TUI (Touristik Union International) has to deal with about 60,000 complaining letters — a small fraction of its 3.3 million customers but nonetheless a noisy and very determined minority.

German law is regarded as the world's toughest on travel agency liabilities.

Recent settlements have included 30 per cent refunds for noise caused by nearby building sites and 25 per cent for a tourist who discovered a line of ants marching along his bedframe. German tourists are certainly very demanding. Letters received by tour operators this season include the following complaints: "You promised that there would be ancient Roman baths but when we arrived all we found was a heap of ruins and no possibility to bathe at all."

Or: "The restaurant knives were so sharp and the forks so pointed that we injured ourselves several times. We were forced to buy our own cutlery. The bill is enclosed."

The courts are becoming wise to professional complainers who regularly try to gain refunds from their holidays. One told a Munich court that her seaside holiday was a disaster. "The crickets gave us sleepless nights and the roar of the sea was so loud we thought we were going to drown." Her claim for £500 compensation was rejected.

A Frankfurt judge ruled that a frog leaping on to the breast of a woman while she was swimming in an Austrian lake did not constitute a spoil tholiday. "Travellers must take into account the ecological structure of a natural lake. Moreover, these creatures cannot disturb bathing humans because they are shy and tend to flee from people."

For the most part, the courts are having to educate German tourists as to what they can realistically expect from a holiday.

Sometimes, however, the aggrieved tourist does seem to have a point. The court which threw out a complaint from someone who stayed at the Iberian equivalent of Fawlty Towers appears to have erred on the tough side.

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Paris is where the party is

By Harvey Elliott and Tunku Varadarajan

FROM THE MOMENT that Ernest Hemingway walked into the bar of the Ritz Hotel in the Place Vendôme and calmly ordered a pre-lunch martini on August 25, 1944, Paris was finally and unarguably freed from German occupation.

Hemingway had arrived in his war correspondent's uniform with his sten gun under his arm, and announced that he was "personally liberating the Ritz". He then settled down to sample some of the many fine wines and cognacs which the Nazis had sequestered during their four-year occupation.

This story will be one of many recounted next week when Paris celebrates the 50th anniversary of its liberation with parades, fireworks and special events. On the evening of August 25, 1,200 performers take part in a procession through the city centre.

At the Hôtel de Ville, the original speech by General de Gaulle announcing the city's liberation will be played over loudspeakers. Later there will be one of the firework displays in which the French excel, over the Seine.

Being August, at least half of the city's two million inhabitants will still be holidaying outside the city. As a result many of the best restaurants are almost empty and Paris itself seems to be dozing in the sun. The quietness has, however, enabled many hotels, tour operators and airlines to arrange package tours at much reduced prices.

British Airways, for example, which is now flying into Orly as well as Charles de Gaulle airport, is offering return flights from £83. The price compares with a charge of £42 return made by British Airways forerunner, AT&T, when it first flew between London and Paris 75 years ago, on August 25. At today's prices that would be more than £1,000.

Finding a hotel in Paris is not difficult and on the Left Bank there are many offering special summer breaks.

The Hotel Montalembert (010-331-4548 6811) near the Boulevard St Germain has a three-night stay with continental breakfast, morning papers, and a three day museum pass for FFr4755 (£594) for two people.

At the other end of the scale Flight Bookers (071-757 2000) are offering a weekend in Paris for £149 including flights from Heathrow on Friday and returning on Sunday. Accommodation is in the three star Comfort Inn in Montmartre. Even though this will be too late for the main day's celebration it will be in time for the grand parade down the Champs-Elysées to commemorate de Gaulle's march of triumph.

Four star hotels with two night's accommodation and return air fare from Heathrow or Gatwick are available from about £366 through Paris Travel Service (0992-456000).

For the ultimate luxurious break, however, nothing can compare with the Hotel de Crillon on the Place de la Concorde.

The hotel was the headquarters of the German army of occupation throughout the war. Now owned and managed by the Taittinger family — well known for their champagne — the Crillon was built as a mansion in the reign of Louis XV. Of course it is expensive. Since the hotel strives to "provide a dream" — in the words of Veronique Brown, its director of public relations — how could it be otherwise?

A two-night stay at the Crillon (010-331-4471 1500) through Air France Holidays (081-742 3377) starts at £371 per person, on the basis of two persons sharing a twin or double-bedded room and includes return flights on Air France out of Heathrow.



Hotel de Crillon, the ultimate in luxury and, inset, Hemingway enters Paris in his war correspondent's uniform

Museum cafés taste new success

By Robin Young

CATERING at London's museums and art galleries is becoming increasingly competitive since the Victoria & Albert exhorted people to visit "an ace café with a museum attached".

The Tate Gallery restaurant wine list is a well-known treasure trove for vinous bargain-hunters. Conran's Blueprint Café is successfully appended to the river-frontage Design Museum, the new brasserie in the Sainsbury Wing of the National Gallery has caused much excitement and the dishes at the Royal Academy of Arts Café are said to have been better than most of the summer exhibition pictures.

There is also notably improved catering (by Milburns) at the British Museum's air-conditioned restaurant and cafeteria. And Justin de Blank's airy Café de Columbia provides an elegant and sophisticated meeting place with pastries and salads at the Museum of Mankind.

The latest announcement is that from October the Natural History Museum's catering is to be entrusted to Leith's, the catering company established by Prue Leith, whose eponymous restaurant in Kensington was this year awarded a Michelin star.

Leith's will be responsible for the self-service Gallery Restaurant, which will provide family meals, the more sophisticated Waterhouse Café coffee shop and a snack counter catering for children and school parties.

It is the first museum contract Leith's has been awarded, and was won against stiff competition from the rival caterers already established in museum showcases.

The functions manager at the Natural History Museum, said: "The competition was very close. There are a number of good caterers wishing to operate in our type of organisation. The involvement of Prue Leith herself in the overall management of the contract assisted in the final decision."

Cricketers score a hit for tourism

By David Churchill

WHOEVER wins the third Test, which starts at the Oval this morning, the South African cricket team will already have secured a victory of a different kind: they have helped to turn the spotlight onto South Africa as a destination that people need no longer fear to visit.

After the country's transition to majority rule earlier this year, John Major will visit next month, the Princess Royal will tour later in the year and the Queen is expected sometime in 1995.

But, despite the changes in South Africa, many British travellers are still wary of visiting. Lunn Poly says: "We've had a lot of inquiries about South Africa as a holiday destination, but not a high level of bookings." Thomas Cook says there has been only "a minor increase in the numbers of people booking through us despite the background of greater optimism".

British Airways Holidays, which features South Africa in its new Worldwide brochure, says there has been "no real increase in demand since May [when Mandela's presidential inauguration took place]", but it expects an increase next year.

Neither Thomson holidays nor Airtours — Britain's two biggest holiday companies — have included South Africa as a separate destination in their main brochures for 1995, although Tradewinds, the Airtours subsidiary, includes it. Thomson says that until the republic attracts more tourist interest, it will not reintroduce the destination. Last time it tried, in the autumn of 1992, it quickly pulled out because of low demand when the troubles were at their most severe.

But such caution is unjustified, says Russell Barlow-Jones, manager of the South African tourist board in London. "The number of British visitors has picked up steadily since May," he says. "This year we expect between 4 and 8 per cent more people on top of the 148,000 who visited South Africa last year." Their 1995 target is for a 15 per cent visitor increase from the UK.

Mr Barlow-Jones says that although the big tour companies are not yet interested in South Africa "because it is not a mass-market destination like Spain, many of the smaller operators are giving more space in their brochures to South Africa". He cites Cosmos, Jetsave and Abercrombie and Kent as being keen to develop the South African market.

Although flights to South Africa in the next few months are filling up fast because of seasonal demand, the best deals are usually to be found with smaller carriers operating via continental gateways. Trailfinders, for example, has a £378 return fare to Johannesburg via Athens starting in October. But South African Airways also has a current promotional fare of £609 (compared with the usual £650) until the end of September for midweek departures.

SAA also has a special spouse fare for business travellers: those paying the full business fare of £1,895 can take their spouse in business class as well for £948.

Thirty-eight per cent of all UK visitors to South Africa are visiting friends and relatives, while 42 per cent are on holiday. The rest are business or other travellers. According to conference and incentive-travel organisers, many companies are now prepared to consider South Africa as a business destination for corporate or group meetings.

The South African tourist board next month starts a £700,000 advertising campaign to persuade Britons that South Africa is a beautiful — and safe — country. With the Queen's visit and the rugby World Cup being held in South Africa next year, optimism is high that interest will turn into firm bookings.

● *South African tourist board: 081-944 8080.*

Holiday sickness

IF YOU have returned from holiday feeling irritable and depressed you could have post-vacational dysphoria. Doctors in America have found that in such a state one day of sulky gloom is generated by each week away — and personnel officers are having to learn to accommodate it.

Home front

HOMESITTERS (0296 630730) — which employs 500 people aged over 50 to look after properties while owners are away on holiday — has negotiated a reduction in insurance premiums. The Independent Insurance Company will give 10 per cent off the normal annual contents-and-buildings premium so long as "sitters" stay in the home. The service costs £17.35 a day.

Age bonus

TRAVELLERS aged over 60 can receive room discounts of up to 50 per cent when they stay in 230 Conrad Hotels around the world. The group, confusingly the international brand name of the Hilton Hotels Corporation which is not connected with any of the Hilton Hotels in Britain, runs the Conrad in Chelsea Harbour. All senior citizens who enrol will receive a certificate for two free weekend nights during the same stay when they book for five consecutive weekday nights at an international Conrad hotel.

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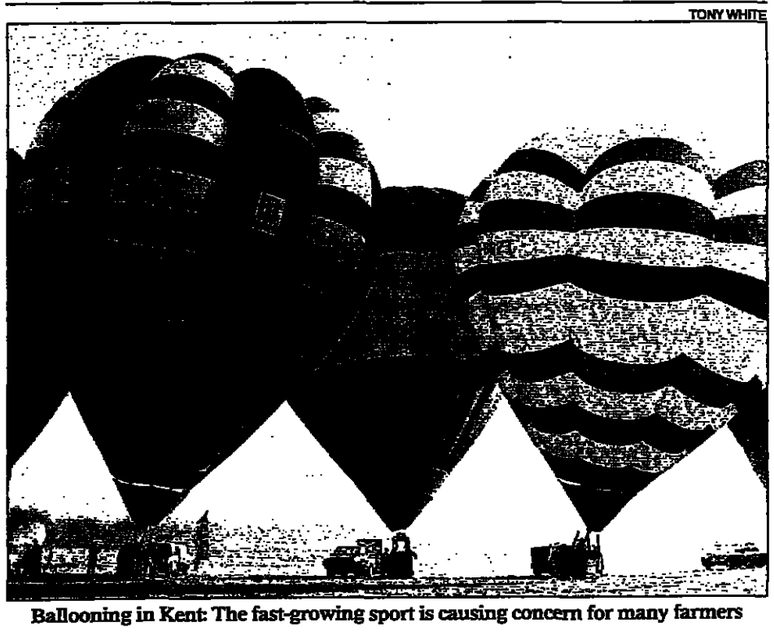
BRITISH Airways passengers will be able to try to win back the cost of their air fare by gambling at roulette or blackjack or betting on horse racing while they fly. The



airline is spending almost £80 million on an in-flight entertainment and information system. Each seat will have an "interactive" video screen.

Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott

TONY WHITE



Ballooning in Kent: The fast-growing sport is causing concern for many farmers

Bumpy landings await enthusiasts in the clouds

By Marianne Curphey

FARMERS are beginning to demand compensation from the growing number of balloonists who land in their fields. They say some are damaging fences and frightening livestock as they pass overhead.

The last five years has seen a dramatic rise in the number of private flights and companies offering sightseeing trips, and this has led to a huge number of balloons drifting over rural England, especially in the South East.

Landowners, represented by the National Farmers' Union (NFU), want balloonists to pay £5 a head to use their fields. Where possible balloonists should seek prior permission to land, and should guarantee to pay for any fences that are broken by the balloon as it lands.

The sport's governing body, the British Balloon and Airship Club (BBAC), proposes a £2 a head fee. It says low rates will encourage both private balloonists and commerical companies to pay up and report any damage.

Derek Belton, head of BBAC's landowner relations, says: "We do get aggrieved farmers who are unhappy at a basket suddenly appearing in their fields. As the balloon flies low to land it can scare animals and it is not always easy to direct the balloon right into the middle of the chosen field.

"There have been reports of balloonists who have promised compensation and then failed to pay, but we usually manage to sort out any differences."

A spokesman for the NFU says: "It will be up to the individual farmer whether he wants to charge the fee. Ballooning is enjoyed by many people but farmers are very concerned that it may affect livestock and crops. For example, it would be disastrous if a balloon came down now in a field of corn."

The sport is so expensive that there are few private balloonists — most enthusiasts are sponsored by large companies or operate commerical flights where passengers pay between £75 to £130 for an hour's ride.

Mary Hollingsworth, editor of the magazine *Balloons and Airships*, says there has been "a dramatic increase in ballooning in the last five years".

The Civil Aviation Authority and the BBAC have also proposed that a legal loophole, which allows balloon pilots to take sightseeing passengers without insurance cover, be closed for safety reasons.

Mr Belton says: "Ballooning is a very safe sport and we have only had one fatality in 21 years. Most balloonists do arrange their own insurance but we believe it would be worthwhile if it was made compulsory."

The BBAC has also proposed that commercial operators make it clear in their promotional literature that flights may have to be cancelled several times because of the vagaries of the weather.

Mr Belton says: "It often happens that people have to try seven or eight times before conditions are right. However, it is better to be safe on the ground than to have a very bumpy landing and perhaps break a leg."

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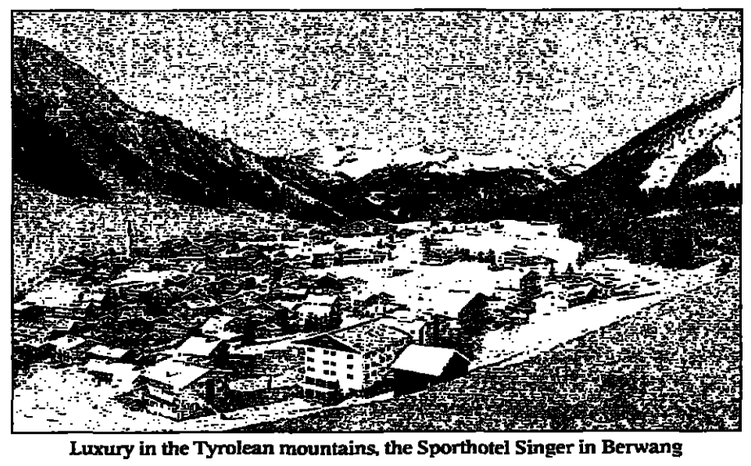
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NEWS

Shares soar as inflation falls

■ The long-expected rise in interest rates may be postponed at least until next year after two sets of unexpected economic figures sent shares soaring by 43 points.

There was a drop in inflation — to the lowest level for 27 years — indicating that the high street price wars are continuing: and a smaller than anticipated fall in unemployment showing that the economy may not be growing fast enough to withstand a rate rise..... **Pages 1, 21, 25**

A-level pass rates rise again

■ A sixth successive rise in A-level pass rates has been announced, intensifying the scramble for university places and prompting demands for changes in higher education admissions. The examining boards moved swiftly to counter any suggestion of lax marking..... **Pages 1, 13, 14, 15**

Plutonium offer

A British engineering consultant said that he had been approached by senior Russian nuclear officials and offered a trade in plutonium *and highly enriched* uranium..... **Pages 1, 11, 15**

Altman quits

Whitewater claimed its most senior political victim when Roger Altman, US Deputy Treasury Secretary, announced that he would resign..... **Page 1**

Rail warning

Transport secretary Brian Mawhinney gave a warning to striking railway signallers that public patience with the dispute could be about to snap..... **Page 2**

Care policy defence

The Government has vigorously rejected charges of complacency over its policies for care of potentially dangerous psychiatric patients released into the community..... **Page 2**

Yorkshire big game

An East Yorkshire housewife claims that her family spotted a lioness relieving itself in their back garden yesterday morning..... **Page 3**

Drunk boys' sentence

Two 13-year-old boys who became drunk on Communion wine and set a church on fire, causing £400,000 damage, have been ordered by a court to help the vicar..... **Page 3**

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Passengers struggle to get through to most British Rail inquiry offices, only to find that many give inaccurate information, *a survey says*..... **Page 6**

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Tombstones have been smashed and removed from a village graveyard in *Kent after the* church was bought by an architect..... **Page 4**

Mandela's 100 days

South Africa today marks the end of a 100-day honeymoon enjoyed by the new non-racial government dominated by the ANC with a public examination of what has been achieved..... **Page 10**

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The mother of a murdered boy who appeared with President *Clinton on Monday to plead for* passage of the anti-crime Bill has been arrested as a fugitive from justice..... **Page 8**

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The United National Party in Sri Lanka has been defeated in one of the closest general elections in the island's history after 17 years in power..... **Page 9**

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The Bosnian Serb military command has threatened to block United Nations convoys today unless the organisation provides badly needed fuel to the rebels' army..... **Page 9**

Traffic calming measures

■ In an attempt to cut down on motorway madness, one service station on the M6 has started a novel scheme: massage for drivers under stress. Motorists can have head, hands and neck massaged by trained therapists, who also advise on neck and eye exercises, deep breathing and relaxation techniques..... **Page 5**



IAN WALDIE

Timothy Clifford, Director of the National Galleries of Scotland, who yesterday repeated his apology to John Paul Getty in the continuing controversy over funding to save Canova's *The Three Graces* for the nation. Report, page 1, letters, page 15

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Stopping the illicit trade in plutonium will be expensive, but nothing like as costly as failing to tackle the problem at its source..... **Page 15**

Keep a level head

Today's A-level results may prompt the complaint that standards *are slipping*..... **Page 15**

Foreigners in flannels

The TCCB's policy on overseas cricketers is dull-witted even by its own bleak standards..... **Page 15**

LIBBY PURVES

The message of Desmond Morris's script was that human sexuality is uniquely prolonged, subtle and seasonless; but the message of the pictures was that sex is about young bodies, soft skin, slender women, triangular men with snake hips and *broad shoulders, endless* legs and round bumocks..... **Page 14**

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South African blacks all feel that *this is their time, that their lot* must now tangibly improve, and that they would be fools not to ask for more..... **Page 14**

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Denise Sulieman, whose three children were snatched by her Libyan husband, flies to the Middle East today at the invitation of Colonel Gaddafi
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James Russell, whose "cheeky" begging letter to British stars raised £15,000 to help to finance his studies at a London stage school
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Andie McDowell, co-star of *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, a film success that is provoking a sense of French failure
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

One pilgrim's progress

■ "I *must have been mad, I must have been out of my* mind." Alice Thomas Ellis on her latest book, a personal view of Christianity

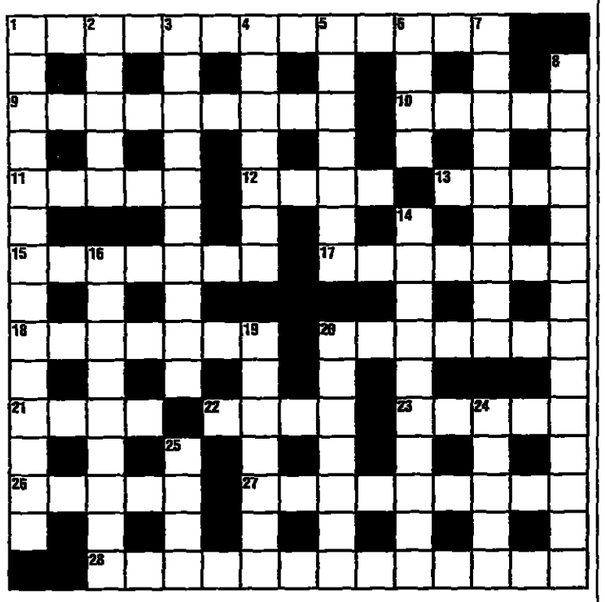
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Video of the future?

■ Is video CD the future for the electronic home entertainments industry? Barry Fox reports

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17 Take early look at page in front of critical publication (7).
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Heathrow, 28C (79F); lowest day max: Tulloch Bridge, Highland, and Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Wyton, Cambridgeshire, 0.87in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, 12.2hr

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FORECASTS

☐ **General:** Wet spells in most areas. Eastern England will dawn dry and bright with hazy sunshine but is expected to cloud over early in the afternoon.

Southwest England and Wales will start dull with outbreaks of rain. The poor weather will spread to Scotland *and the rest of England late in the* afternoon.

After a wet morning over Northern Ireland, it will turn much brighter *during the afternoon with just a few* showers.

It will turn rather windy in the South and West during the day.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, NW England, Lake District, Central N, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland:** *cloudy morning. Rain after midday.* Wind southwest moderate. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** sunny at first. Rain in the evening. Wind west light. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **Channel Isles:** bright morning then cloudy but mainly dry. Wind southwest moderate. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, Isle of Man:** dull with rain at times. Drier later. Wind southwest moderate becoming west fresh. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **N Ireland:** wet morning then *becoming brighter with a few* showers. Wind south moderate becoming west fresh. Max 17C (63F).

☐ ***Outlook:*** *most areas will have* sunny intervals, but the north will also *have showers, particularly tomorrow.*

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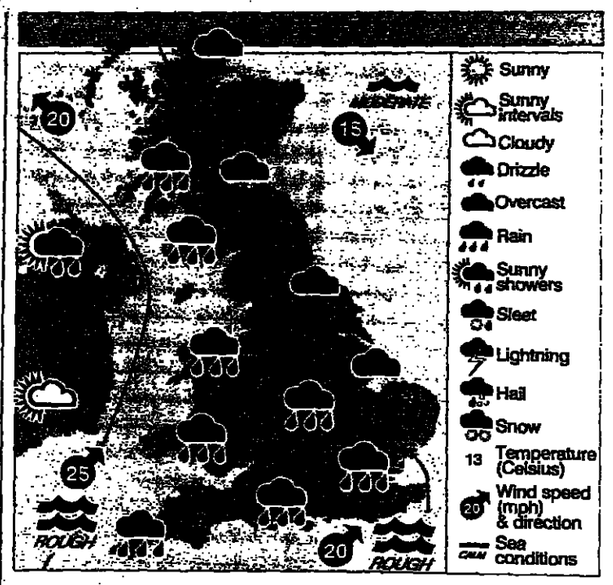
24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright; ds=dust storm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	X					London	8.7	-	24	75	b
Anglesey	1.4	0.37	17	63	r	Lowestoft	9.5	-	21	70	s
Aspatria	1.5	0.08	15	59	r	Manchester	6.1	-	20	68	b
Aviemore	X					Margate	*11.8*	-	26	77	s
Belfast	3.2	0.28	18	64	r	Minehead	5.4	0.17	21	70	f
Birmingham	6.4	-	22	72	sh	Morecambe	1.9	-	18	64	du
Bognor R	9.4	-	21	70	b	Newcastle	0.8	0.02	19	66	sh
Soumem'th	9.1	-	22	72	s	Newquay	5.1	-	18	64	s
Bristol	4.7	-	21	70	sh	Norwich	6.9	-	23	73	sh
Buxton	6.7	-	19	66	s	Nottingham	7.2	-	22	72	b
Cardiff	4.8	0.06	20	68	sh	Oxford	4.9	-	23	73	s
Clacton	9.7	-	21	70	s	Penzance	5.4	0.01	20	68	s
Cleethorpes	9.8	-	23	73	s	Plymouth	8.1	-	19	66	s
Colwyn Bay	3.3	-	20	68	b	Poole	9.8	-	25	77	s
Cromer	6.9	-	23	73	s	Prestatyn	X	-	18	64	c
Doncaster	6.4	-	22	72	b	Ross-o-wye	5.3	-	22	72	s
Dunbar	0.5	0.04	18	64	r	Ryde	8.9	-	22	72	b
Eastbourne	11.3	-	21	70	s	Salcombe	7.0	-	20	68	b
Edinburgh	X					Sandown	8.4	-	23	73	s
Eskdalemuir	0.3	0.28	13	55	r	Seantn Snd	3.7	0.03	20	68	s
Exmouth	9.0	-	21	70	b	Scarboro'	5.5	-	21	70	s
Falmouth	X	-	19	66	b	Scilly Isles	7.9	-	19	66	s
Fishguard	4.4	0.01	18	64	c	Shanklin	9.0	-	21	70	b
Folkestone	12.2	-	21	70	s	Shrewsbury	3.4	-	21	70	sh
Glasgow	0.8	0.03	15	59	r	Southend	X				
Guernsey	7.7	-	21	70	s	Southport	2.9	-	19	66	b
Hastings	10.6	-	21	70	s	Southsea	8.0	-	23	73	s
Hayling I.	7.7	-	21	70	b	Stornoway	0.1	0.33	14	57	r
Herne Bay	10.8	-	25	77	s	Swanage	8.2	-	21	70	b
Hove	7.7	-	21	70	s	Teignmouth	7.9	-	22	72	s
Hunstanton	X	0.03	21	70	r	Tenby	4.2	-	19	66	s
Ilfracombe	X					Tiree	X				
Isle of Man	1.3	0.17	15	59	r	Torquay	8.4	-	22	72	b
Jersey	8.0	-	21	70	s	Tynemouth	*1.4*	-	20	68	r
Kinloss	X					Ventnor	8.5	-	22	72	b
Leeds	5.0	-	21	70	r	West-s-mare	X				
Littlehmptn	8.4	-	21	70	b	Weymouth	7.6	-	20	68	s
Liverpool	5.1	-	19	66	b						

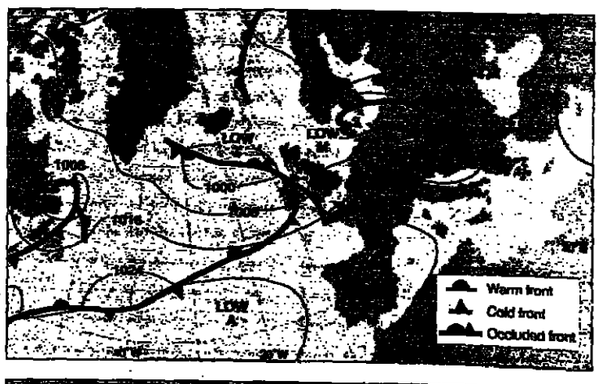
These are Tuesday's figures.

Ajaccio	30	86	s	C'phagn	19	66	f	Madrid	34	93	s
Akrotiri	31	88	s	Corfu	34	93	s	Majorca	31	88	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Dublin	16	61	c	Malaga	29	84	s
Algiers	33	91	s	Dubrovnik	27	81	s	Malta	35	95	s
Amst'dm	17	63	f	Faro	27	81	s	Molly'ma	13	55	c
Athens	33	91	s	Florence	32	90	s	Mexico C	21	70	f
Bahrain	37	99	s	Frankfurt	24	75	f	Miami	32	90	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Funchal	22	72	f	Milan	28	79	s
Barbados	29	84	s	Geneva	21	70	f	Montreal	22	72	s
Barcelona	28	82	s	Gibraltar	27	81	s	Moscow	12	54	c
Beirut	30	86	f	Helsinki	17	63	s	Munich	17	63	f
Belgrade	29	84	s	Hong K	24	75	r	Nairobi	22	72	f
Berlin	23	73	f	Innsbrck	18	64	t	Naples	33	91	s
Bermuda	33	91	s	Istanbul	27	81	f	N Delhi	30	86	f
Biarritz	21	70	c	Jeddah	39	102	s	N York	27	81	s
Borde'x	24	75	f	Jo'burg	15	59	s	Nice	27	81	f
Brussels	18	64	f	Karachi	30	86	f	Oslo	18	64	f
Budapst	27	81	s	L Palmas	25	77	f	Paris	17	63	f
B Aires	11	52	f	Le Tquet	16	59	f	Perking	33	91	s
Cairo	35	95	s	Lisbon	25	77	s	Perth	18	64	s
Cape Tn	17	63	f	Locarno	24	75	c	Prague	25	77	f
Chicago	23	73	f	L Angels	29	84	s	Reykjavik	12	54	s
Ch'church	-	-		Luxembg	18	64	r	Rhodes	31	88	s
Cologne	22	72	f	Luxor	42	108	s	Rio de J	28	82	f
								Riyadh	44	111	s
								Rome	32	90	s
								Salzburg	22	72	r
								S F'risco	21	70	s
								Santiago	21	70	s
								S Paulo	20	68	s
								Seoul	28	82	c
								Sing'por	31	88	f
								St'kholm	19	66	f
								Strasb'rg	34	75	s
								Sydney	15	59	s
								Tel Aviv	33	91	s
								Tenerife	25	77	s
								Tokyo	32	90	s
								Toronto	23	73	s
								Tunis	40	104	s
								Valencia	30	86	s
								Vanc'ver	20	68	f
								Venice	27	81	f
								Vienna	27	81	s
								Warsaw	21	70	f
								Wash'ton	26	68	r
								Zurich	20	68	f

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: lows T and M will move east and deepen; highs A and F and low S will be stationary with little change in central pressure



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.03	8.3	11.37	8.07	Liverpool	8.40	8.2	9.04	8.7
Aberdeen	10.58	3.8	11.16	3.9	Lowestoft	6.36	2.3	7.21	2.3
Avonmouth	4.16	11.0	4.51	11.6	Margate	8.24	4.2	8.03	4.4
Belfast	8.25	3.2	8.51	3.3	Milford Haven	3.34	5.7	4.04	6.1
Cardiff	3.59	10.24	4.35	10.84	Newquay	2.26	5.9	2.55	6.3
Devonport	2.57	4.8	3.23	4.9	Oban	3.51	3.2	4.05	3.5
Dover	8.41	5.8	9.19	6.0	Penzance	2.04	4.6	2.29	4.9
Falmouth	2.27	4.4	2.53	4.7	Portland	3.58	1.5	4.35	1.8
Glasgow	10.33	4.2	10.59	4.5	Portsmouth	8.49	4.3	9.09	4.4
Harwich	9.06	3.4	9.36	3.7	Shoreham	6.51	5.3	9.15	5.5
Holyhead	7.59	4.9	8.17	5.2	Southampton	8.16	4.0	8.44	8.01
Hull	3.27	6.52	4.15	6.59	Swansea	3.27	8.1	4.02	8.5
Ilfracombe	3.09	7.88	3.04	8.19	Tees	12.46	4.6	1.32	4.7
King's Lynn	3.32	5.8	4.23	5.8	W'ton-on-Nze	8.55	3.7	9.29	3.8
Leith	-	-	12.10	5.0					

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Sun rises: 5.50 am
Sun sets: 8.18 pm
Moon sets: 2.27 am
Moon rises: 6.23 pm

London 8.18 pm to 5.50 am
Bristol 8.27 pm to 8.00 am
Edinburgh 8.43 pm to 5.49 am
Manchester 8.31 pm to 5.53 am
Penzance 8.36 pm to 6.16 am

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Clique of top executives 'paying each other too much'

BY MARTIN WALLER

THE influential and independent National Institute of Economic and Social Research has apparently confirmed what many have suspected: that Britain's executives are overpaid.

The institute's latest quarterly economic review claims to show that pay in the boardroom, in the go-getting 1980s, far outstripped that on the factory floor and had only the most tangential connection with company performance. Instead, the institute appears to suggest, the cosy clique at the top of corporate Britain cheerfully awarded itself unwarranted pay rises.

The two authors of the institute's *Study of the Sensitivity of Top Director Remuneration to Company-Specific Shocks* are Martin Conyon and Paul Gregg, both economists. They looked at the importance of changes in companies' operating environments, which they call company shocks, in shaping chief executives' pay.

They say their results, based on directors' pay at a sample of UK quoted companies between 1985 and 1990, are consistent with other evidence that "corporate performance explains little of the very large pay growth achieved by top executives in the late 1980s".

Even after stripping out the effect of takeovers and other one-offs, annual pay rises of 13 to 15 per cent were achieved by executives. "This would imply that either managerial skills were becoming increasingly valued by shareholders," they conclude cagily, "or that top executives were increasingly able to influence their own pay levels".

This last point echoes recent disquiet in the City over rocketing pay packages awarded by the same inner cabal of directors. Executive pay is the concern of companies' remuneration committees, consisting of non-executive directors, who are supposedly able to resist pressure from executives.

But observers claim that shortage of available talent means the same names crop up again and again; they are often executives in other companies — of which the non-executives are drawn from the same small pool.

Conyon and Gregg found that boardroom pay rose four times faster than that of the average worker, soaring by 77 per cent in real terms over the years in question, while companies' earnings grew by just 17 per cent.

Top directors' pay was found to be positively linked to sales growth but only weakly related to long-term performance and not at all to current accounting profits. Worst of all were the gung-ho, acquisition-led businesses of the time, many of which have since come to grief.

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Inflation dip gives equities big boost

BY ROSS TIEMAN, JANET BUSH AND MICHAEL CLARK

THE stock market gave an enthusiastic reception to encouraging inflation news, enabling share prices to close at their highest levels since March. The FT-SE 100 index closed a shade below its best, up 43 points at 3,190.3, after 971 million shares had changed hands.

Many institutional investors take the view that pressure for a rise in domestic rates has eased and that, after Tuesday's move by the Federal Reserve Board to bring American inflation under control, a good deal of uncertainty has been lifted.

However, a strong rally in British government bonds, an initial reaction to the economic statistics, petered out as dealers focused on today's meeting of the Bundesbank Council amid fears that the European interest-rate cycle may have turned.

The stock market, meanwhile, concentrated on the benign message on inflation that emerged from two separate sets of figures. The Central Statistical Office reported a fall in the headline retail prices index to 2.3 per cent, from 2.6 per cent in July, while underlying inflation declined to 2.2 per cent, from 2.4 per cent. The Department of Employment reported a slowdown in the number of those leaving the unemployment register and a continuation of meagre rises in average earnings, both of which provided fresh evidence that inflationary pressures remain subdued two years into the economic recovery in Britain.

Unemployment in July fell by 11,800, seasonally adjusted, to 2.64 million, the smallest fall since January. At the same time, the unadjusted jobless total rose by 57,531 as students and graduates began to look for work.

Despite indications of skill shortages in surveys carried out by the Confederation of British Industry and trade associations, job creation remains weak. Figures from the Government's *Labour Force Survey*, also published yesterday, show that the number in employment had risen to 25 million in the quarter to May, a rise of 80,000 over the latest quarter and 139,000 year-on-year. The number of full-time jobs fell by 8,000, however, between the first and second quarters. Job creation was concentrated in part-time jobs, with 86,000 raising the total in the sector to 6 million.

John Monks, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, said: "There is nothing in these figures to suggest a pick-up in the jobs market, apart from poorly paid part-time jobs."

There was, however, good news on inflation from the labour market figures. Annual growth in average earnings was unchanged at 3¾ per cent in June, a level held since April.

The growth in unit wage costs in manufacturing appeared particularly weak, even though manufacturing employees have been working more overtime and have seen earnings growth of 4¼ per cent. Manufacturing unit wage costs rose just 0.1 per cent in the quarter that ended in June.

Manufacturing output per head was 4.3 per cent higher in the quarter to June than in the same three months a year earlier.

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ROBIN MAYES



Sir Robin, left, with Ron Henderson, finance director, in London's Jubilee Gardens

Malaysia to lift UK ban soon, BICC chief says

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

MALAYSIA'S trade ban on British companies could be lifted very soon, Sir Robin Biggam, chairman of BICC, says. The cables-to-construction company has half the contract to build the Pergau dam. The ban was imposed in February after the publication of allegations of corruption concerning the dam and forbids Malaysian public bodies from buying British, although it does not affect the private sector.

Sir Robin, who has recently returned from a trip to Malaysia, described relationships between British firms and the Malaysians as excellent. "We felt the ban was about to be lifted, but after a hiccup a few weeks ago it is unfortunately still in place," he said. He was referring to the confusion earlier this summer over a gold coin lent by Standard Chartered, the bank, to a Malaysian minister that subsequently went missing.

Sir Robin said the atmosphere between the two countries was now sufficiently improved to allow the normalisation of trade relations and the end of the ban. "All your indications would tell you that it's going to be lifted shortly. But we've heard that for two to three months," he said. There's no impediment. We believe it could be lifted in the near future."

BICC was reporting interim figures that showed a revival in its fortunes, particularly in America where its cables operation has been substantially restructured in the past two years. Pre-tax profits to July 2 rose £13 million to £63 million. Although the company is holding its interim dividend at 6p, earnings per share were ahead from 8.2p to 9p.

The US cables business managed an £11 million swing into operating profits of £8 million. Profits from BICC's cables operations in Europe rose £3 million to £39 million, reflecting a mixed performance. Sales in Britain were strong, particularly for fibre optics, but demand on the Continent, in Germany and Italy, was weak.

The better performance in cables, Sir Robin said, was entirely the result of cost efficiencies and an increase in demand, with no benefit from price rises. "In cables, we can expect continuing recovery in North America, the UK and Australasia and we have already seen signs of an improving situation in continental Europe, particularly in Spain," he added.

Balfour Beatty, BICC's construction operation, saw a £1 million decline to £16 million, and Sir Robin warned shareholders that margins would remain under pressure for some time to come.

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E&Y partner for Ladbroke

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE accountancy profession suffered a second top-level defection yesterday, when David Wilson, national marketing partner in Ernst & Young, announced he was joining Ladbroke Group as acting finance director.

The move comes just over a month after Howard Hyman quit as head of corporate finance at Price Waterhouse to become managing director of Charterhouse Group. For Ladbroke, the appointment ends months of uncertainty over who would replace Jerry O'Mahony, who died in May. Mr Wilson is expected to switch to another senior position within the group once a permanent replacement has been found. He was seconded to Ladbroke in February.

His appointment is one of a series of senior management changes made by John Jackson, chairman, and Peter George, chief executive, in the wake of Cyril Stein's departure this year.

Mr Wilson, 46, was made a partner in 1982, and became national marketing partner three years ago. Nick Land, Ernst & Young's UK managing partner, said he had made a significant contribution to the firm.

Competitive pressures have sparked a big rise in the number of partners leaving accountancy and law firms. Many are switching to private industry, lured by more flexible pay packages, and disillusioned by the passing of the old traditional partnership structures.

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Blow for PIA as investigations chief quits

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE Personal Investment Authority, the new regulator for firms that sell investments directly to the public, has suffered a serious blow with the departure of Jim Gaskin, its recently appointed investigations chief.

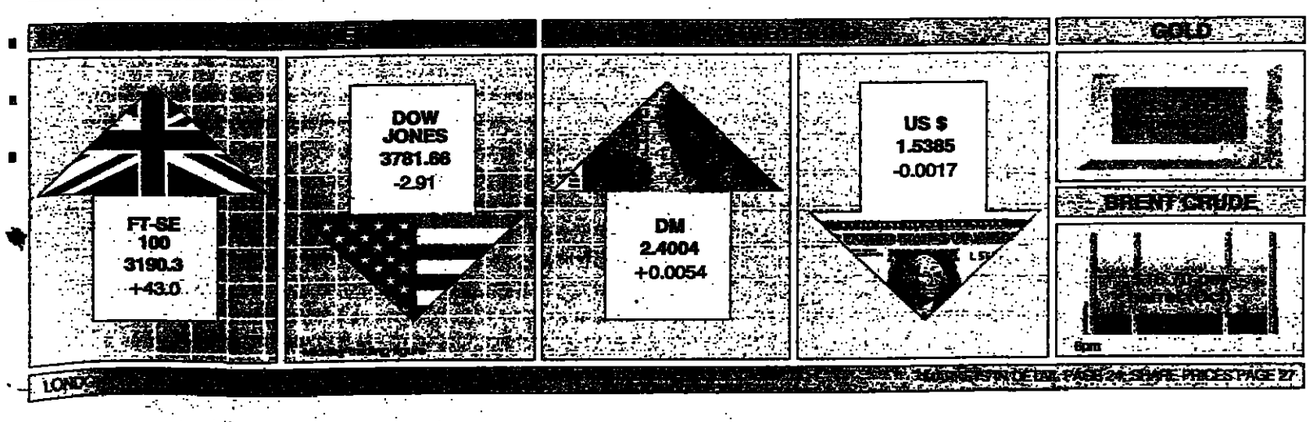
Mr Gaskin is to join Countrywide, a 500-strong network of independent financial advisers, as managing director. He is a former deputy chief executive of Fimbra, the regulator for independent financial advisers, and was in charge of its compliance and enforcement divisions.

His resignation is the latest in a series of staff departures from the PIA, which opened its doors for business only last month. Two compliance officers from Mr Gaskin's department have also recently left. In addition, Robert Guest, Fimbra's senior legal officer, has joined Johnson Fry Securities, and Colin Pinnell, Fimbra's head of legal services, has joined Knight Williams's compliance department.

The PIA's investigation department is playing a critical role in vetting some of the 4,000 applications made to the regulator so far from a potential membership of 5,500 to 6,000 firms.

Colette Bowe, PIA chief executive, last night denied that staff who have quit were unhappy with the way the regulator was being run. "I am not aware of this," she said. "I have a staff of about 280 and people leave regulators and people join them. It is quite a healthy development for there to be an interchange of staff between the industry and regulators."

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Canadians buy UK arm of Confederation

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE British arm of Confederation Life, whose parent company was closed by the Canadian government last week, has been bought by Sun Life of Canada. The purchase price was not disclosed, but is understood to be in the region of £160 million.

Quentin de la Bedoyere, vice-president of product management for Sun Life of Canada, said: "We are paying the right price for a very good piece of property."

Doug Peters, Canadian Secretary of State for Financial Institutions, announced last week that Confederation's Canadian operation, which has worldwide assets of £9.5 billion, mostly in Canada, America and Britain, was closed by the Canadian government because of "increasing concern about the company's liquidity position". The company reported a loss of US$106 million last year and made a debt provision for the same amount after losing substantial amounts of money in its real estate and mortgage portfolio.

Confederation UK, which has assets of £5.8 billion and 250,000 policyholders, made a record profit of £27 million last year. Money invested with Confederation in Britain is held separately from the Canadian parent but funds belonging to 35,000 with-profits policyholders fall within the Canadian umbrella. Mr de la Bedoyere said: "It is our intention to transfer these policyholders to Sun Life of Canada."

The process of transfering Confederation Life businesses to Sun Life of Canada, which has worldwide assets of $88.7 billion, is subject to approval by the Canadian and British financial authorities. In Britain, the High Court will have to consider the transfer of funds and the interests of policyholders under the terms of the deal to ensure that UK policyholders are adequately protected.

Sun Life of Canada has operated in Britain since 1893 and has assets of £3.9 billion. It employs just over 2,200 people, compared with Confederation's British workforce of 1,600. Mr de la Bedoyere said: "It would be unrealistic not to expect staff losses. There will clearly be some voluntary redundancies but we will also be applying the best people for the best business principle. Confederation's staff will not automatically be the first to go."

Both companies will continue to operate separately until approval from regulators is obtained. Mr de Bedoyere said: "We hope to complete the integration of both companies sometime in the middle of next year."

Richard Baker, senior vice-president and general manager of Sun Life of Canada, said that the new areas of business that Confederation would bring to the integrated group included pooled pensions and retail banking. Confederation is the second largest group in the pooled pensions market, with assets of £2.8 billion. It also owns Confederation Bank, which is authorised to take deposits under the Banking Act 1987 and is supervised by the Bank of England. Mr Baker said: "In the individual insurance and pensions area we will be a stronger force. Our combined operations will include an experienced and highly skilled direct sales force of about 1,700."

Lasmo reveals large oil find in Algeria

LASMO could soon be producing oil in Algeria after an important oil find from its fourth successful discovery well in the Ghadames Basin. Drilled to a depth of 4,831 metres, the Berkine East No 1 well flowed at a rate of 15,275 barrels per day, with 3.4 million cubic feet of gas. Lasmo has invested more than $25 million in a quarter share in the project, operated by Anadarko, the American oil company that owns 50 per cent. The estimate of recoverable reserves will be raised from the previous figure of 324 million barrels.

Joel Dykstra, Lasmo's international business coordinator, said the flow rate at Berkine East was well above average, pointing to rates between 1,000 and 5,000 bpd from the El Merk and Hassi Berkine wells drilled by the consortium. He indicated that a confirmation well would be drilled in September which should enable Lasmo to book reserves by the end of the year. Mr Dykstra said civil unrest in Algeria was not affecting drilling, though Anadarko had removed most of its staff from Algiers for security reasons. Lasmo has no staff in the country.

EFP bids for Sykes

EUROPEAN Fire Protection, a private company registered in Holland which owns Nu-Swift, is launching a 50-pence-a-share offer for Andrews Sykes, an environmental controls and tool hire group, after mounting a stock market raid on the shares yesterday. The company bought 8.2 per cent of Sykes's shares, taking its stake to 37.9 per cent. Under Stock Exchange rules, it is now required to bid for the rest of the company. This month, Sykes announced a £4.75 million loss in the year to March 31.

ITT raises Ciga stake

ITT, the American group whose businesses range from Sheraton hotels to cable television and financial services, has bought a further 10.7 per cent of Ciga, the Italian luxury hotel chain, in which Forte of Britain has been interested. ITT now has 35 per cent of Ciga after buying in the open market. The increased stake was confirmed by ITT yesterday after the Milan bourse disclosed that a large block of Ciga shares had changed hands at 1,105 lire (44p) a share, 38 lire above the previous close.

Veba ponders US listing

VEBA, the German energy-based conglomerate, said it is considering following the example of Daimler-Benz, the German industrial flagship, with a listing on the New York Stock Exchange. Veba expects profits to rise more than 40 per cent this year. Net profit rose 43 per cent to DM451 million at the halfway stage, on a 7 per cent rise in sales to DM35.5 billion. Daimler-Benz last year became the first German company to obtain a New York listing as part of its strategy to establish a presence in the leading capital markets.

BOI unit buys US bank

BANK of Ireland First Holdings, the Irish bank's American subsidiary, is to buy Great Bay Bankshares for $52.6 million. The price is equivalent to 1.3 times book value, Bank of Ireland said. First Holdings' main operating unit, First New Hampshire Banks, is the leading bank in New Hampshire, and yesterday reported a second-quarter profit of $10.3 million before tax, against a loss of $2.7 million last time. Great Bay Bankshares had total assets of $319 million [illegible] portfolio of $180 million.

SAS climbs to profit

Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS), soared to a pre-tax profit of 617 million Swedish kronor (£51 million) in the first half, from a Skr609 million loss last time, and maintained its forecast of a full-year profit. The Nordic airline, which owns 35 per cent of British Midland, said turnover had risen by Skr300 million, to Skr19.28 billion, and operating costs had been cut by more than half a billion kronor. Last year, SAS's plan for a merger with the Dutch, Swiss and Austrian national carriers fell apart.

Armitage advances

ARMITAGE Brothers, the pet food and toys manufacturer, increased profits by 22 per cent, to £1.07 million, in the year to May 29. The company said recovery was still patchy in Britain but it had scored success with some of its Christmas products and Walkol dog food. Turnover rose 3 per cent, to £22.7 million, and the company is raising its dividend for the year by 0.2p, to 6.4p. Armitage said pet food sales remained strong and Christmas orders were ahead of last year, but the pet accessory market was still suffering a lack of demand.

Swan Hunter departure



ONE of Swan Hunter's former directors has left the struggling shipyard to become marketing and strategic director with the facilities management division of Babcock International, the group that manages Rosyth shipyard. Alex Marsh, right, helped to organise the buyout of Swan Hunter from the Government in 1986, and until recently was retained as a consultant by Price Waterhouse, the yard's receivers. Ironically, it was Rosyth that was awarded the £50 million contract to refit *Sir Bedivere*, the naval supply ship, which could have saved Swan's.

Goode sells Rawlings

GOODE Durrant, the vehicle and equipment hire group, has sold Rawlings Brothers, its housebuilding division in north-west England, to Bowey Group for £4.94 million. The company is also selling three building sites to Bowey for £320,000. The total raised is £725,000 lower than the assets' book value, which will hit the group's balance sheet. Durrant wants to pull out of housebuilding in the South East, too. This, it says, could lead to further provisions of up to £2 million.

Fall in life income at Britannic

BY OUR CITY STAFF

TOTAL life premium income, including pensions business, at Britannic Assurance fell from £193.32 to £186.08 million in the six months to June 30.

The company cited uncertainty over the future of the pensions market and the regulatory review being conducted by the Securities and Investments Board into pension transfers and opt outs as being among the main reasons for the decline.

Ordinary branch business for pensions fell to £50.40 million (£68.64 million). On the unit-linked side, premium income from pensions rose slightly to £8.92 million (£8.14 million). Britannic saw general premium income fall to £17.82 million (£17.86 million). The company made an underwriting profit of £930,000 (£1.43 million loss) and investment income rose to £1.76 million (£1.64 million). The interim dividend was raised by 10.4 per cent to 4.25p (3.85p).

On terminal bonuses, some reductions had been made. "The effect on traditional assurance policies is that maturity values will be a little lower for the short-term contracts but unchanged at the longer term," Britannic said.

American Home wins Cyanamid at $9.7bn

BY GEORGE SIVELL, ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

AMERICAN Cyanamid, the pharmaceutical company, yesterday caved in to an increased $9.7 billion bid from American Home Products, ending any prospect of SmithKline Beecham, the Anglo-American drug group, completing a mooted asset swap with Cyanamid.

American Home Products mounted an $8.5 billion $95-a-share bid two weeks ago after intense market rumours of an asset swap deal under negotiation between Cyanamid and SmithKline Beecham. Cyanamid held out until Tuesday evening's deadline even after American Home raised its offer to $100 share, subject to agreement from Cyanamid. Yesterday, American Home found it necessary to raise its bid by a further $1 to $101 a share to win agreement.

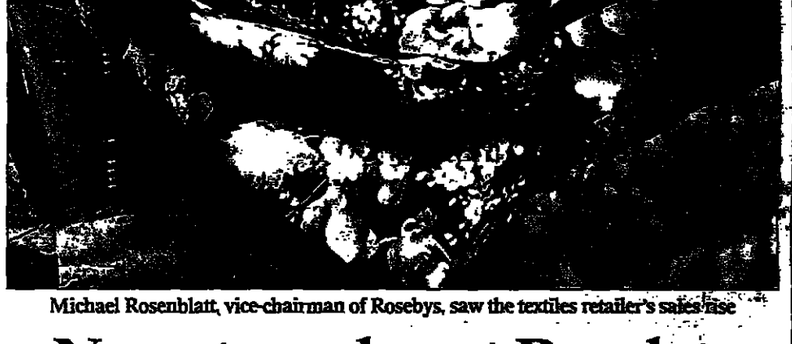
American Home Products will launch a tender offer of $101 cash to buy up the Cyanamid shares. This is due to expire on September 14, after which Cyanamid shares will be converted into the right to receive $101 cash. The final winning bid is 60 per cent above Cyanamid's close on the day before American Home's announcement.

Albert Costello, Cyanamid chairman, said: "For the past 18 months, we have been pursuing an aggressive strategic programme to build value. The success of this programme can be measured by the significant increase in our share price prior to the American Home Products offer. After a thorough analysis of American Home Products's increased offer, our board concluded that a combination of the two companies would maximise value for our stockholders and lead to the creation of a highly competitive participant in our markets."

Earlier this week, Cyanamid disclosed that six of its shareholders had filed a suit alleging breach of fiduciary duty in not accepting the American Home offer.

John Stafford, American Home chairman, said: "We have been impressed with American Cyanamid's progress in carrying out its strategic programme ... The combined new company will also benefit from a larger chemical research library and the diversification contributed by American Cyanamid's dynamic agricultural business. We are convinced that this transaction is in the best interests of the stockholders of American Home Products and American Cyanamid."

American Home, with $8 billion in annual sales, is one of America's top food and drug producers and makes Advil, the country's leading pain-reliever. Cyanamid, with $4.3 billion in sales, makes prescription drugs, vitamins, vaccines and herbicides. After merger, the combined companies will have annual revenues exceeding $12 billion.



Michael Rosenblatt, vice-chairman of Rosebys, saw the textiles retailer's sales rise

New stores boost Rosebys

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

NEW store openings helped to lift interim profits of Rosebys, the household textiles and soft furnishings retailer, by 8 per cent.

Pre-tax profits of the group, based in Yorkshire, rose to £738,000, from £681,000, in the six months to June 30 on sales 11 per cent ahead, at £24 million (£21.6 million). The increase in sales came entirely from new stores, with like-for-like sales from existing outlets virtually unchanged on last year.

The group, which operates at the cheaper end of the furnishings market, opened eight new stores in the period, mainly in the south of England, taking the total chain to 170 outlets.

Roy Waudby, chairman, said that the hot weather since mid-June had hit trading, but added that this had been partly offset by an improvement in gross margins. He said that the impact of recent cost-cutting measures would be felt in the second half, traditionally the stronger period for the group.

The interim dividend rises by 7 per cent, to 1.5p (1.4p).

Switch to low-cost countries aids ABB

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

ABB, the world's leading power plant maker that is rapidly switching production to Eastern Europe and Asia, raised group profit, net of financial items, by 20 per cent to $608 million in the first half this year.

Earnings net of financial items, mainly interest, provide the best guide to the underlying performance of companies such as ABB that engage in long-term, large-scale project business.

Percy Barnevik, the chief executive of the Swedish-Swiss group, said that the first-half rise in earnings, net of financial items, showed clearly where profits were heading this year after last year's $1.19 billion profit.

Although earnings were at at the lower end of City expectations, analysts were encouraged by the continued improvement in operating margins and the growing order inflow.

Mr Barnevik has set 10 per cent operating margins as ABB's target. In the first half, the company achieved 8.5 per cent, compared with 7.16 per cent in the similar period last year, mainly reflecting the continued switching of operations to low-cost countries.

Since the end of last year, ABB, based in Zurich, has hired 2,500 workers in Asia and acquired 6,000 more through acquisitions.

In Western Europe, it has shed 4,000 jobs. Its total workforce is 211,00. The East-West switching helped to reduce labour costs 3.4 per cent in the first half.

ABB said that it planned to continue with investments and acquisitions in Asia and Eastern Europe, where it expects continued strong growth in orders. Mr Barnevik said he expected orders to pick up further in the second half and that he was happy with the progress the company had made so far this year.

ABB's net profit rose $77 million to $322 million in the first half, with operating profit at $1.11 billion against $937 million last time.

Last year's net profit of $68 million came after a $596 million restructuring charge. This year, forecasts are for a net profit between $700 million and $750 million.

Market turbulence hits CS Holdings

BY OUR WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

CS HOLDINGS, the Swiss financial service group that owns Crédit Suisse Bank, suffered a 27 per cent fall in net profit, to Sfr734 million (£363 million) in the first half, as earnings from a range of financial instruments slumped.

Income from currency trading, securities, interest rate instruments and precious metals fell by almost Sfr1 billion, to Sfr1.27 billion.

CS identified market turbulence in February as the main cause of the damage to its trading income, which contributed only 23.5 per cent of group revenue, against 34.5 per cent last time. Crédit Suisse Financial Products, its derivatives subsidiary based in London, stood out for managing to turn in results matching last year's first half. But trading income was sharply lower at the banking subsidiaries — Crédit Suisse, CS First Boston and Leu Holding.

Narrower interest rate margins in Switzerland, along with stagnating credit business, hit balance sheet business: net income fell 5.5 per cent, to Sfr1.58 billion. Income from net commission, the main source of revenue, dropped 6.25 per cent, mainly because sluggish investment banking business reduced CS First Boston's net commission by a third.

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Mercury lends mining wings

BY COLIN CAMPBELL, MINING CORRESPONDENT

JULIAN Baring, the man with the mining touch, yesterday revealed a secret — how the investment team at Mercury World Mining Trust managed to invest more than £400 million in mining-related shares in just over six months.

Last December, metal prices were low and sentiment depressed. The mining cycle was close to its low point. Consolidated Gold Fields had long been taken over and every portfolio held RTZ. Investors were crying out for a "new" sector.

So when, that month, the trust was launched, it suffered an embarrassment of riches. "We aimed to raise between £30 million and £50 million," Mr Baring, a director, says. "In the event, £375 million come flooding in from a variety of institutions, and a further £60 million from the public, giving the trust a net £413.9 million on launch day." That was just the beginning of his embarrassment. Every mining investor in the world heard that the trust had more than £400 million to invest, and mining markets suddenly started to move. Mercury's investment managers were unable to keep pace with rapidly advancing shares during the company's first six weeks of trading.

Six months on, the trust is fully invested. By August 8, net asset value had increased to 100.43p a share, up from 97.2p last December 15.

The trust held almost two tonnes of gold bullion (equivalent to 4.1 per cent of the portfolio) on July 29. A third of the trust is exposed to gold shares, 19.1 per cent to diversified mining companies, 11.4 per cent to copper companies and 10.1 per cent to aluminium companies.

LEGAL NOTICES

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BELL CANADA INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED (Registered in England No. 2764470)
Proposed payment out of capital pursuant to Section 171 of the Companies Act 1985
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 ("the Act") that:-
(i) Bell Canada International Holdings Limited ("the Company") has by a Special Resolution passed on 15 August 1994 approved a payment out of capital for the purpose of acquiring by redemption 10 Class "C" Redeemable Preference Shares of £1 each in its own share capital;
(ii) the permissable capital payment (as defined in Section 171 of the Act) for such shares is £52,093,000;
(iii) the statutory declarations of the Company's directors and the report of the Company's auditors required by Section 173 of the Act in respect of such payment out of capital are available for inspection by any member or creditor of the Company at the Company's registered office at 18 Portland Place, London W1N 3AA during business hours on any day (except a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) up to and including 19 September 1994; and
(iv) any creditor of the Company may at any time up to and including 19 September 1994 apply to the High court of Justice under Section 176 of the Act for an order prohibiting such payment out of capital.
18 August 1994
Registered Office:
18 Portland Place
London W1N 3AA.
Jeanette Britton, Secretary.

BOURNE, MARY LOUISE (known as MOLLIE BOURNE) Bourne's Cottage Snowshill Hill Morton-in-March Glos GL55 9TH, died 25th March 1994; particulars to Biddle & Co Solicitors 1 Chrisham Street London EC2V 7BU before 31st October 1994.

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Incom Real Estate Limited (Reg No: 2480684)
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that general meetings of the unsecured creditors of the above-named companies will be held simultaneously at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA on 2 September 1994 at 11.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meetings and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA, not later that 12.00 hrs on 1 September 1994 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf. Malcolm Cohen Joint Administrative Receiver.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
SETRITE LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 9 August 1994.
M.R.DORRINGTON, FIPA, Liquidator.

JMC COMPAK LIMITED
(1489211)
Purchase of own shares out of capital
(a) The company has approved a payment out of capital for the purchase of its own shares.
(b) The payment out of capital was authorised by a special resolution passed on 16th August 1994 and the permissible capital payment is £28,000.
(c) The statutory declaration and the auditors' report required by the Companies Act 1985, section 173 are available for inspection at the company's registered office up to five weeks after the date of the resolution.
(d) Any creditor of the company may apply to the court under the Companies Act 1985, section 173 within the five weeks immediately following the resolution for an order prohibiting the payments.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
MONTROSE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
Registered number 2415136
Trading name(s) MONTROSE INTERNATIONAL DERNIER & HAMLYN
Nature of business LIGHTING MANUFACTURER
Trade classification (c) 11
Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s) 11 AUGUST 1994
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK PLC
PW WALLACE & RH OLDFIELD
Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos) 6281 & 2616
Address(es) PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP

Paragon Fashions Limited
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 30th August 1994 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et Seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 655, 30 Eastbourn Terrace, 2nd Floor, London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED THIS 12th August 1994.
M Simpson - Director.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers Dreamright Limited
Registered number: 2316932
Trading name: Harrybarn Nursing Home.
Nature of Business: RESIDENTIAL ACCOMODATION.
Trade classification: 47.
Date of appointment of administrative receivers 5th August 1994.
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers. Allied Irish Bank, D. Sweden, FCA and D.J. Power, FCA Joint Administrative Receivers. (office holder no's 6498 and 6006)
Leonard Curtis & Partners, Third Floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 5AB.

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Company Number: 2092662
HALESWORTH OFFICE SUPPLIES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at the The Limes Hotel, High Street, Needham Market, Suffolk on Wednesday 24 August 1994 at 11.30 am, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Statements of claims, and proxy forms if applicable, must be lodged at the Registered Office of the Company, Bank House, 129 High Street, Needham Market, Suffolk IP6 8DH not later than 12 noon on the Tuesday 23 August 1994.
Peter Hickman, a licensed insolvency practitioner, of Charles David & Company, Bank House, 129 High Street, Needham Market, Suffolk IP6 8DH will, during the period before the day or the meeting, provide creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 05 August 1994 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD Name P.R. Cox Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986
CORPORATE SPORTS (UK) LTD AND SPORTING ENTERTAINMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Companies will be held at New Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC2 on 26th August 1994 at 11.00am for the purpose mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
Mr.A.S. Alleyne FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of MOORES ROWLAND, 118 New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 0QT (01245 281222) will deal with any reasonable requests for information.
Dated this 12th day of August 1994. By Order of the Board R.C.RUSSELL, Director.

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☐ Inflation figures prove the alarmists wrong ☐ The unregulated regulators ☐ Revolving doors at the PIA

Has the Old Lady got her wish?

☐ THE Bank of England is in danger of fighting the wrong battle. Yesterday's superb batch of figures on prices in the high street and costs in industry make its call for higher interest rates only two weeks ago look ridiculously alarmist.

The Bank has repeatedly expressed the niggling worry that British companies and employees have not adjusted to the new low inflation environment. Until they believe that the Bank will keep inflation down, it will be more difficult to achieve a genuine golden era of low inflation. Workers must get used to tiny pay rises. Companies must not be greedy and try to raise prices.

What the Bank wants is precisely what appears to be happening. Far from accelerating, manufacturing earnings growth actually slowed in June. Equally, higher wages were more than paid for by productivity improvements.

And, despite what the recent survey from the Confederation of British Industry said about companies wanting to raise their prices, there are no signs yet that they are going to get away with it. The last set of producer output prices were stubbornly flat.

This virtuous behaviour by industry should not be perceived as voluntary, of course. Look no further than yesterday's retail prices figures to see why wages and prices are being pinned down. One consistent feature of the two years of recovery has been the insistence of consumers on low prices.

Whenever retailers have attempted to put prices up, consumers have retreated. Quite understandable. If employees are being told not to expect significant pay rises, if house prices are not going anywhere, if consumers are still fighting to pay off debts from the spend, spend Eighties, little wonder that they demand value when they venture out to shop.

It would be premature to argue that such thrifty behaviour will continue as the recovery matures but it is certainly the case that the after-shocks of the recession are stronger and more prolonged than the inflation-worriers have allowed themselves to admit.

The phenomenon may be cyclical. Perhaps higher inflation is just around the corner and perhaps Britain has not really changed its bad old inflationary ways.

But, instead of basing its judgment on the past, should not the Bank at least acknowledge that the current behaviour of inflation might tell us something about where inflation might be in two years' time — the Bank's quite proper focus?

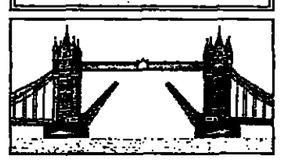
In the two years since the end of Britain's ERM experiment, inflation has consistently come in lower than the Bank — and many in the City — expected. It is quite conceivable that the Bank's most fervent wish has come true: that Britain's old inflationary psychology has been, if not destroyed, tamed. The war of the Nineties may not need to be waged against inflation, but rather over the creation of jobs.

The regulators' tea party

☐ THE question of who regulates the regulators is unlikely to go away in the wake of the recent water and electricity reviews carried out by Ian Byatt and Professor Stephen Littlechild.

Earlier this year, Richard Caborn, Labour MP for Sheffield Central, called for a Royal Commission inquiry into utility

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regulation. According to Caborn: "The time has come to end the experiment in utility regulation and to set out clearer guidelines on the duties, accountability and independence of the regulators." Caborn's call, which the Government has studiously ignored, came hard on the heels of a cry from John Baker, chief executive of National Power, that the regulatory process should be more open to public scrutiny. In Baker's words: "It is not clear how or why each regulator views evidence, weighs arguments or comes to decisions."

Hmmm. Such a perspective would appear all the more valid now that Clare Spottiswoode, director general of Ofgas, Byatt and Littlechild have pronounced. In the event, Ofwat has alighted on a target rate of return on new investment of between 5 and 6 per cent, while Offer has chosen 7 per cent. Ofgas, for reasons best known to Ms Spottiswoode, decided 4 per cent was quite sufficient for British Gas.

Hardly easy for the proverbial man in the street (who merely pays the bills) to fully comprehend such disparities. After all, bulk electricity prices have risen but are now expected to fall, water prices have risen and will continue to do so, while British Gas, which has cut consumer prices by more than 20 per cent (excluding VAT) since privatisation, has been singled out for penal treatment.

Curiouser and curiouser when one considers that British Gas is subject to competition in the industrial market, while water companies enjoy a natural monopoly, as do the RECs in their core distribution operations.

As the stock market — unerringly accurate on such occasions — informed us, Byatt was generous, Littlechild was absurdly generous, while Spottiswoode was destructive. Perhaps Caborn should get back up on his box. Baker's tirade appears to have reaped its rewards.

PIA blows a Gaskin

☐ AS MEMBERS roll up to join the Personal Investment Authority, so, it would appear, staff roll out. Jim Gaskin, head of membership and enforcement in respect of independent financial advisers, is the latest to turn his back on the PIA's brave new regulatory world. Gaskin has opted for pastures new as managing director of the Countrywide network of advisers.

Gaskin's departure follows hard upon that of Robert Guest, a senior legal officer at Fimbra, who has chosen to join Johnson Fry Securities. Guest, in turn, took his cue from Colin Pinnell, head of Fimbra's legal services, who bowed out in June in favour of Knight Williams's compliance department. Way back in April, Godfrey Jillings, Fimbra's chief executive, was ousted as head of the PIA's admissions operation. Others to disappear into the night include former Fimbra lawyer Jane Gordon and press officer John Pinniger.

Gaskin, perceived as something of a super sleuth, is well regarded and his departure effectively stamps Lautro's dominance on the PIA, led by chief executive Colette Bowe. Seeds of Fimbra's humbling were sown a year ago when Sir Gordon Downey, former chairman of Fimbra, resigned as chairman of the PIA after less than a year in the hot seat. Enter Joe Palmer, former head of Legal & General.

Bearing in mind that some 2,500 of the 4,000 applications to join the PIA have yet to be vetted, Ms Bowe's choice of a successor to Gaskin (expected to be an internal appointment) will be awaited with interest.

The veg factor

☐ THERE are aspects of inflation that even the Treasury cannot control. Apple prices rose in July because New Zealand was hit by hail storms. We are buying expensive onions from Australia because of drought in Spain. Even the humble potato is costing more because of drought in . . . yes, the UK. Cloud on the horizon, so to speak, is that baked beans may shortly cost more due to flash floods in America.

H&C earns £80m from sale of food subsidiaries

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

HARRISONS & Crosfield, which last month sold its Indonesian plantations business in a $273 million deal, is now disposing of its consumer food activities.

The sale of Telford Foods and H&C Céréales to the Dutch food and beverage group Koninklijke Bols Wessanen is valued at £81.6 million, of which £74.4 million will be paid to H&C in cash. The buyer is taking on £7.2 million of debt, and the deal should be completed next Wednesday.

George Paul, H&C's chairman, said the disposals would mean some dilution in earnings because of current low interest rates, but emphasised that there were also financial advantages for H&C and the effect on earnings would be mitigated by the tax position of the group.

The businesses were both acquired during the 1980s, and were earning a respectable 10 per cent return on sales. Telford Foods was bought for £6.5 million and Céréales for £5 million. H&C said that since the acquisitions, a substantial of amount of capital had been invested in both companies. They employ 750 people.

"The two concerns were not significant players in world markets," Mr Paul said, "and we had to determine whether to make a major deal to give them world presence, or to get out. We looked around at various target companies. But in the end we have been offered a good price. I am very sorry to see them go, especially Telford, which I helped to build up."

Since Bill Turcan was promoted from finance director to chief executive earlier this year, H&C has decided to concentrate on its Harcros builders merchants and speciality chemicals businesses, where it has market leadership or access to profitable niches. In the meantime, it still owns pet food, animal feeds and malt distributing subsidiaries.

Mr Paul said it would be wrong to infer that H&C, having made two recent asset sales, was building up a "war chest" to make an acquisition for what are now its core divisions. "But we have strengthened our balance sheet," he said.

Telford is involved in three UK private label grocery markets — breakfast cereals, package soups and dessert mixes. H&C Céréales manufactures private-label breakfast cereals in France.

Combined operating profits of the businesses being sold were £9.6 million in the year to December 31, at which date net assets were £30.2 million.

In the first half of 1994, the companies made operating profits of £5.2 million.

H&C's net assets will be increased by approximately £37 million, and the proceeds will be used to repay short-term debt or placed on deposit.

Though there will be some dilution in earnings, the overall effect will be mitigated by tax advantages, Mr Paul said. H&C shares were unchanged at 189p.



Bill Turcan, chief executive, left, and Martin Anderson, finance chief, are sharpening focus

Rebels seek control at Waterglade

WATERGLADE International's board faces a crucial vote at this morning's extraordinary general meeting where rebel shareholders are attempting to oust David Cunningham, chairman, and directors Tom Megas and Laurie Grove.

Waterglade is facing opposition from a Far Eastern-backed group that owns 12 per cent of the company and is seeking to install brothers Anthony and Selwyn Midgen and Wilson Ng, a Singaporean businessman Tempus, page 25

United buys photo archives

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

UNITED Newspapers is expanding its picture library with the purchase of Visual Communications Group, which operates two libraries from London's Docklands, in a deal worth £27 million.

The two main companies being bought, along with a French offshoot, are Colorific, which supplies personality photographs, and the Telegraph Colour Library, sold by *The Daily Telegraph* in 1987.

The vendors are a trust based in Lichtenstein that will continue to own a separate publishing business.

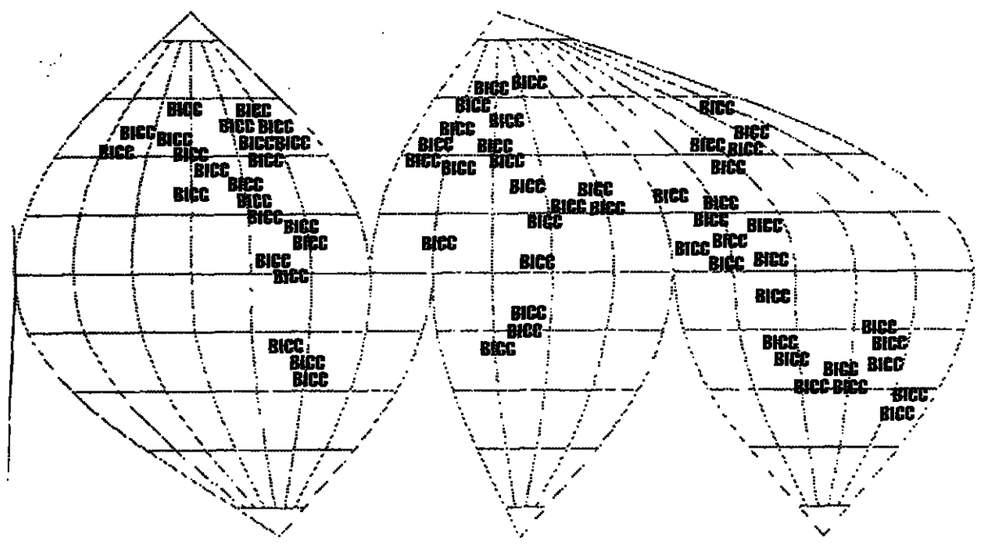
VCG has about 40,000 clients in Britain and also distributes to about 30 countries around the world in areas such as advertising, marketing and corporate publishing. Newspaper and magazine publishing accounts for only about 12 per cent of turnover.

The company, which is being bought by United's Express Newspapers offshoot, the publisher of the *Daily Express* and the *Sunday Express*, made pre-tax profits of £2.3 million in 1993 on turnover of £10 million. Net assets at the year end were £2.1 million. Express Newspapers said that VCG had doubled its turnover between 1991 and last year and had increased its profits "substantially".

Andrew Cameron, the managing director of Express Newspapers, said: "On a world scale, the stock picture market has increased substantially in recent years. The ability to store and transmit images digitally, the development of multimedia products and other similar factors will ensure that this growth continues."

VCG will initially benefit from access to Express's digital imaging system, which is increasingly being used. However, Express says that the companies bought will continue to be operated separately.

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"We are encouraged by the trends in the first half of 1994 and these should continue for the rest of the year."

Sir Robin Biggam, Chairman

INTERIM RESULTS 1994

	1994	1993 as restated	
Operating profit	£90m	£87m	+19%
Pre-tax profit	£63m	£50m	+26%
Earnings per share	9.0p	8.2p	+10%
Dividends per share	6.0p	6.0p	—

The Half-Year Report, posted to shareholders on 17 August 1994, is available from the Secretary, BICC plc, Devonshire House, Mayfair Place, London W1X 5FH.

BICC Group

ENGINEERING TOMORROW'S WORLD

Aitken Hume faces SE cancellation

BY GEORGE SIVELL, ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

THE Stock Exchange has threatened Aitken Hume, the financial group that recently sold off its bank and fund management arms, with a cancellation of its listing unless it meets a deadline of October 29 to submit firm proposals on the future of the business.

Aitken's shares were suspended on April 29 until the group found a business that satisfied the Stock Exchange's normal requirement for a listing. Yesterday, Aitken Hume said: "The board is continuing to explore means by which shareholders can realise the underlying value of their investments in the company."

In the meantime, shareholders are being offered a final dividend of 1p a share for the year to March 30, which the company says is the maximum amount that can be paid at this time out of the company's distributable reserves.

The group yesterday revealed a net loss of £5.6 million for the year, compared with a net £20,000 profit in the previous year. The company took a £4.4 million provision for bad debts and £9.9 million write off on fixed assets. But Aitken says that after the disposals it now has significant cash reserves and no borrowings. The fund management disposal produced a profit of £18.4 million. A further $11.7 million is being held in trust in America, pending resolution of American tax problems.

Aitken, however, said yesterday that the board had been advised that settlement of the tax issues was likely on terms favourable to the company. An interim dividend payment would then be considered by directors.

BZW offers chance to invest in Mercury

BY OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

BARCLAYS de Zoete Wedd has expanded the ever more abstruse world of financial derivatives by creating a warrant that lets investors for the first time effectively invest in Mercury, the fast-growing telecoms group that is second only to BT in Britain.

Mercury's value has always been hard to assess, because the business is 80 per cent owned by Cable and Wireless (C&W) and 20 per cent by Bell Canada and has had huge start-up costs in recent years.

However, BZW's telecoms and derivatives specialists believe — after comparing the respective capitalisations of C&W in London and of Hong Kong Telecom in the colony, in which C&W has a 57.5 per cent stake — that Mercury's value has been greatly underestimated by the stock market.

C&W's stake in HK Telecom has a value of £8.6 billion on the Hong Kong market, but C&W's own market worth in London, disregarding debt, is £10 billion, putting an apparent value on the rest of the group, excluding Hong Kong, of £1.4 billion. Mercury accounts for 80 per cent of this rump of C&W, but BZW believes Mercury itself, on latest after-tax annual profits of £212 million, to be worth as much as £3.6 billion.

The warrant is therefore a synthetic instrument letting an investor take a profit if C&W's value in future outstrips that of HK Telecom as the market takes Mercury's true value on board. BZW has issued 25 million warrants to subscribe for the same number of spreads between the two share prices, claiming that this is one of the first such instruments issued in London. BZW carried out a similar exercise before the 1992 Racal and Chubb demerger.

Investors take heart and chase index towards 3,200 level

STOCK MARKET

SHARE prices were advancing on the 3,200 mark last night, cheered by the latest batch of economic news that included a drop in inflation to its lowest level since November 1967.

The headline fall to 2.3 per cent was accompanied by better than expected average earnings and a further drop in the unemployed. Brokers say the figures have eased some of the pressure for a rise in bank base rates.

The significance of the inflation news and higher interest rates in the US was not lost on investors. Believing that much of the recent uncertainty has now been lifted, they chased share prices sharply higher with the FT-SE 100 index closing just a shade below its best of the day with a rise of 43.0 at 3,190.3 as 771 million were traded.

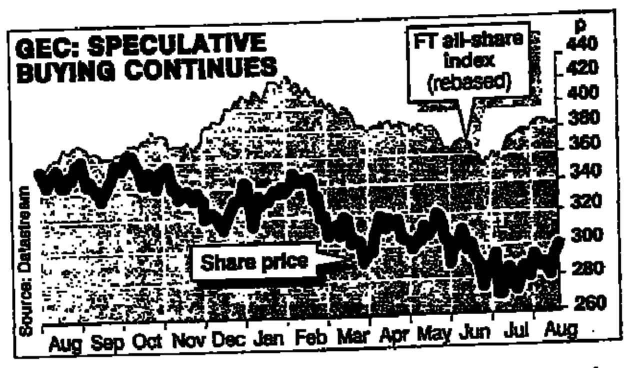
Prices had been marked higher at the outset but there were signs of caution ahead of the inflation numbers and it was not until after they had been digested that the market really began to motor.

A signal to cut German interest rates at today's meeting of the Bundesbank is certain to see share prices carried above the 3,200 level.

Electricity shares were cheered by a dividend upgrading by NatWest Securities, the stockbroker, in the wake of publication of Offer's distribution review. NatWest says that after taking into account dividend growth expectations, share buy-back programmes, the sale of the National Grid and corporate activity generally, the sector should yield much less than the rest of the market and prices should therefore rise.

Double digit gains were commonplace as **East Midland** rose 18p to 699p, **Eastern** 12p to 772p, **London** 13p to 675p, **Manweb** 20p to 776p, **Northern** 19p to 741p, **Norweb** 21p to 766p, **South Wales** 11p to 745p, **South West** 21p to 727p and **Yorkshire** 14p to 677p.

Rothmans International jumped 18p to 401p with **Vendome** 7p better at 507p as hopes rose that both companies will become constituents of the top 100 companies at the next meeting of the actuaries.



The buyers again came in for GEC, up 8p at 300p, with brokers convinced the company will ask for shareholder approval to buy back some of its shares at next month's annual general meeting. Talk earlier in the week suggested that BTR, up 8p at 384p, might want to bid for GEC.

British Aerospace, which was in merger talks with GEC sometime ago, perked up with a rise of 10p to 508p.

BICC lived up to market expectations with interim figures showing pre-tax profits £13 million ahead at £63 million as the group's North American cable operations swung back into profit. The shares responded with a rise of 4p to 416p.

The pharmaceutical sector continued to attract support, after the improved terms by American Home Products for American Cyanamid earlier this week valued the company at almost £6 billion. Speculative buyers are convinced that corporate activity among the British drug companies is likely to accelerate. Top of their list is **Wellcome** which touched 727p before settling 2p dearer at 721p.

Gains were also recorded in **SmithKline Beecham 'A'**, 12p to 444p, **Zeneca**, 19p to 446p, and **Glaxo**, 9p to 636p.

The rise in American interest rates coincided with further support for Britain's high street banks with Morgan Stanley, the US securities house, said to be recommending them to clients. **Barclays**, which last week saw half-year profits climb above £1 billion, jumped 14p to 559p. There were also useful gains for **Abbey National**, 8p to 396p, **Allied Irish Bank**, 4p to 248p, **Bank of Ireland**, 5p to 271p, **Lloyds**, 17p to 559p, **National Westminster**, 18p to 479p, **Royal Bank of Scotland**, 9p to 403p, and **TSB Group**, 5p to 211p.

□ **GILT-EDGED** registered gains of up to £1½ in early trading. But the best of the rises were not held as profit-taking developed ahead of today's Bundesbank meeting.

The September series of the long gilt future touched £102¹¹/₁₆ before retreating to end just five ticks higher at £101⁹/₃₂ as 96,000 contracts were traded. In the cash market, benchmark Treasury 9 per cent 2012 added £⁵/₃₂ at £104⅛, while at the shorter end Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £⁷/₃₂ better at £103²⁵/₃₂.

□ **NEW YORK**: US blue chips remained range-bound at midday as takeovers remained the theme of the day. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.91 points to 3,781.66.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.5385 (-0.0017)
German mark ..... 2.4004 (+0.0054)
Exchange index .... 78.8 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3190.3 (+43.0)
Dow Jones .... 3781.66 (-2.91)*
Nikkei Avg ...... 20824.56 (+38.20)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank .... 5⁹⁄₁₆-5⁷⁄₁₆%
US Federal Funds 4¾%*
3-month Treas Bills 4.56-4.55%*
Long Bond 7.38%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£$	1.5400*	£$	1.5401
$ DM	1.5555*	£:DM	2.3953
$:SWfr	1.3075*	£ SWfr	2.0145
$:Ffr	5.3315*	£:Ffr	8.2130
$ Yen	100.25*	£:Yen	154.37
£ SDR	1.0589	£ ECU	1.2574

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 377.80 .... PM 377.20
Close 377.60-378.10
New York:
Comex 378.05-378.55*

OIL

Brent Crude ...... $16.70 per bbl (Oct)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI.. 144.0 Jul (2.3%) Jan 1987=100

* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.01
Austria Sch	17.90	16.40
Belgium Fr	52.69	48.29
Canada $	2.224	2.064
Cyprus Cyp£	0.769	0.719
Denmark Kr	10.14	9.34
Finland Mkk	8.59	7.89
France Fr	8.69	7.99
Germany Dm	2.56	2.35
Greece Dr	379.00	354.00
Hong Kong $	12.58	11.58
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2545.00	2390.00
Japan Yen	170.00	153.00
Malta	0.610	0.556
Netherlds Gld	2.849	2.619
Norway Kr	11.15	10.35
Portugal Esc	257.00	238.50
S Africa Rd	REF.	5.45
Spain Pta	207.50	193.50
Sweden Kr	12.70	11.90
Switzerland Fr	2.17	1.99
Turkey Lira	REFER	48517.0
USA $	1.635	1.505

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Staff costs increase to £3.7m at Rea

By ROBERT MILLER

STAFF costs at Rea Brothers, the merchant bank, increased by £438,000 to £3.7 million as it prepared for the possibility of full-year bonuses in spite of losing £736,000 in dealing activities' profits in the first half of the year.

Rea Brothers issued a profits warning two months ago through the Stock Exchange that its trading profits in the first half of the year had been hit by volatile conditions in the bond market and a sharp fall in bond prices. The write-down was £854,000, and the current value of its bond portfolio is £7.9 million.

Rea Brothers yesterday reported a fall in pre-tax profits to £621,000 (£802,000) in the first six months of the year.

Commenting on the rise in staff costs, Roger Parsons, managing director, said: "We have very incentive-orientated compensation arrangements."

He added: "We believe in paying our key directors for success, and a large part of the increase in staff costs is as a result of accruals for bonus payments which are paid at the end of our financial year depending on the results."

Rea Brothers, which made dealing profits of £500,000 in the first half of 1993, said that earnings per share fell from 1.42p to 1.13p. Nevertheless, the group increased the interim dividend to 0.5p against 0.3p.

Sir John Hill, chairman, said that the group had registered a strong trading performance in the first half of 1994. He added: "The bond portfolio has now been sustantially hedged and will remain so for the foreseeable future."

He said that Rea Brothers' banking activities had been restrained because of intense competition for customer deposits, which were down at £226.1 million (£234.6 million). The asset book shrunk to £253.9 million from £262.2 million.

Sir John said he remained cautious about forecasting future market conditions, but was confident that the development of underlying businesses remained satisfactory.



Lars Wisen, right, with Christer Hiller, chief financial officer

Tarkett is aiming for flotation

By COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

TARKETT, one of the world's leading flooring companies and formerly part of Stora, the Swedish timber and paper group, plans a London flotation within two years, Lars Wisen, president and chief executive, said yesterday.

Presenting the company to the City, he reported that Tarkett, sold in March for DM270 million to a consortium backed by Standard Chartered, WestLB, the German bank, and Goldman Sachs, increased pre-tax profits in the first half this year by 72 per cent, to £16.7 million, on sales of £271 million, up 3 per cent.

Pre-tax profit margins grew to 6.2 per cent, from 3.7 per cent. Mr Wisen said that the improvement reflected cost-cutting, technological improvements and benefits of scale from increased turnover.

He said that demand for Tarkett resilient and hardwood floor products had been very strong in America. Britain had shown signs of a pick-up. Demand from Eastern Europe was very strong and Tarkett could sell everything it could deliver there.

Tarkett, now based in Germany, is the biggest importer to Britain of vinyl flooring.

	Aug 17 midday	Aug 16 close
AMP Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMR Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
AT & T	[illegible]	[illegible]
Abbott Labs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Aetna Life	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ahmanson (HF)	22	[illegible]
Air Prod & Chem	[illegible]	[illegible]
Albertsons	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcan Alumnm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alco Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Signal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alum Co of Am	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amax Gold Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Cyanamid	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer El Power	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Express	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Genl Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Home Pr	59	[illegible]
Amer Inf	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amer Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ameritech	42	[illegible]
Amoco	58	[illegible]
Anheuser-Busch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Apple Computer	35	[illegible]
Archer Daniels	[illegible]	25
Armco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armstrong Wrld	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asarco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ashland Oil	[illegible]	32
Atl Richfield	[illegible]	[illegible]
Auto Data Pro	[illegible]	54
Avery Dennison	[illegible]	34
Avon Products	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baker Hughes	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baltim Gas & El	[illegible]	[illegible]
Banc One	34	[illegible]
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Bankers Tr NY	71	[illegible]
Barnett Banks	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bausch & Lomb	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baxter Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Becton Dickson	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Atlantic	[illegible]	[illegible]
BellSouth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Black & Decker	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Engelhard Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Enron Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ensearch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ethyl Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exxon	[illegible]	[illegible]
FMC Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
FPL Group	[illegible]	[illegible]
Federal Express	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fed Nat Mtge	[illegible]	[illegible]
First Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]
First Interstate	[illegible]	[illegible]
First Union Rty	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fleet Finl Grp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fluor Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ford Motor	37	[illegible]
GTE Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gannett	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gap Inc Del	42	[illegible]
Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Mills	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Motors	[illegible]	52
Gen Reinsurance	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Signal	[illegible]	36
Genuine Parts	[illegible]	[illegible]
Georgia Pac	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gillette	[illegible]	[illegible]
Glaxo ADR	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodrich (BF)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodyear Tire	[illegible]	[illegible]
Grace (WR)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gt Atl Pac Tea	[illegible]	[illegible]
Great Wstn Fin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Halliburton	[illegible]	[illegible]
Harcourt General	[illegible]	[illegible]
Heinz (HJ)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hercules	105	[illegible]
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Hewlett Packard	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Home Depot	[illegible]	[illegible]
Homestake Mng	[illegible]	[illegible]
Honeywell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Household Intl	37	37
Houston Inds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Humana	19	[illegible]
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Oryx Energy Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Owens Corning	[illegible]	[illegible]
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PPG Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paccar Inc	48	[illegible]
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Pac Enterprises	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pac Gas & Elect	[illegible]	24
Pac Telesis	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Panhandle East	[illegible]	[illegible]
Parker Hannifin	42	42
Penn Energy	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Procter & Gmbl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pub Serv E & G	28	[illegible]
Quaker Oats	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ralston Purina	[illegible]	39
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Roadway Srvcs	[illegible]	62
Rockwell Intl	35	[illegible]
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Royal Dutch	[illegible]	110
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Snap-On-Tools	[illegible]	36
Southern Co	19	19
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Sprint Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stanley Works	[illegible]	41
Sun Company	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sun Microsys	[illegible]	[illegible]
Suntrust	[illegible]	[illegible]
Supervalu	[illegible]	[illegible]
Syntex Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sysco Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
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TCX Inds	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tandem Comp	[illegible]	15
Tandy Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Teledyne	18	[illegible]
Temple Inland	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tenneco	[illegible]	47
Texaco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Texas Inst	85	[illegible]
Texas Utilities	[illegible]	[illegible]
Textron	[illegible]	[illegible]
Time Warner	[illegible]	[illegible]
Times-Mirror	32	32
Timken	[illegible]	[illegible]
Torchmark	[illegible]	[illegible]
Toys R Us	36	[illegible]
Transamerica	[illegible]	52
Travelers	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tribune	52	[illegible]
Tyco Labs	[illegible]	[illegible]
UST Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
UAL	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Union Pacific	[illegible]	58
Unisys Corp	9	9
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US West	[illegible]	[illegible]
United Tech	[illegible]	[illegible]
Unocal Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Upjohn	[illegible]	35
VF Corp	[illegible]	51
WMX Tech	29	[illegible]
Wal-Mart Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warner-Lambert	80	[illegible]
Wells Fargo	[illegible]	160
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Weyerhaeuser	[illegible]	[illegible]
Whirlpool	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Winn Dixie	[illegible]	[illegible]
Woolworth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	[illegible]	[illegible]
Xerox	[illegible]	[illegible]

RECENT ISSUES

3i (272)	316	+2½
Aromascan	99	...
Bail Giff Shn Npn Wts	85	...
Beacon Inv Tst (100)	102	...
Beacon Inv Tst Wts	46	+1
Carnell (18)	28	...
Chamberlain Phipps (165)	172	-1
Copyright Prmtns (120)	118	...
Emrg Mkts Country	52	...
Emrg Mkts Country Wts	34	...
Freeport Leisure	70	...
INVESCO Japan Discovery	92	...
-do- Japan Discovery Wts	49	...
Ideal Hardware	280	...
JF Fledge Japan Wts	70	...
John Mansfield (3)	3½	...
Magnum Power	40	...
Old Mutual SA (100)	95½	-½
Old Mutual SA Wts	42½	-½
Orbis (23)	29	...
Panther Securities (90)	90	...
Panther Wts	17	...
Petroceltic	40	...
Pillar Property Inv (150)	160	+2
Schroder Japan Gwth	98	...
Schroder Japan Wts	52	...
Suter Wts 99/04	36	-1
TR Euro Gwth Ptg Sb (100)	102	+1
Tops Estates Wts	31	...
VideoLogic	40	-½
Yates Bros Wine (140)	173	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

BCE Hldgs n/p (8)	1¼	...
CRT n/p (85)	7	...
Gibbs Mew n/p (340)	47	...
Hartstone n/p (15)	1¼	-¼
P & P n/p (60)	11	+3
Prestwick n/p (24)	¼	-¼
Surrey Group n/p (1¼)	¼	...
Waddington (J) n/p (190)	25	+7

RISES:

Barclays	560p (+15p)
Lloyds	559p (+17p)
HSBC	734p (+17p)
Nat West	479p (+18p)
Boddington	281p (+11p)
Whitbread	575p (+18p)
ADT	690p (+22p)
J Sainsbury	439p (+10p)
De La Rue	946p (+10p)
Glaxo	637p (+10p)
Reuters	500p (+11p)
Siebe	611p (+16p)
Zeneca	847p (+20p)
Kingfisher	540p (+10p)
Micro Focus	890p (+17p)
Cable Wireless	448p (+10p)
Wolseley	833p (+19p)
Br Aerospace	508p (+10p)
Caffyns	328p (+10p)
Smithkline	450p (+18p)

FALLS:

Meyer Int	425p (-10p)
Northern Foods	227p (-7p)
Airtours	448p (-5p)
Lex Service	392p (-11p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	15,000	Caradon	1,300	Legal & Gn	1,000	Scot Power	3,900
Abbey Natl	4,600	Carlton Cms	1,200	Lloyds Bk	3,700	Sears	5,400
Alld-Lyons	3,000	Coats Vyla	4,100	MEPC	1,100	Svrn Trent	1,000
Argyll Gp	6,500	Cm Union	1,300	Marks Spr	5,100	Shell Trans	4,000
Arjo Wiggn	2,300	Courtaulds	1,100	NFC	2,600	Siebe	1,200
AB Foods	420	De La Rue	708	NatWst Bk	9,300	SmKl Bch	2,300
BAA	2,600	Eastern Elec	1,700	Nat Power	3,600	Smith Nph	1,100
BAT Inds	4,600	Enterpr Oil	3,100	Nth Wst W	927	Sthrn Elec	1,100
BOC	1,600	Forte	6,000	P & O	4,700	Std Chartd	4,500
BP	12,000	GKN	1,700	Pearson	2,000	Sun Allnce	4,800
BTR	3,700	GRE	1,300	PowerGen	1,400	TI Gp	3,400
BT	6,100	GUS	1,500	Prudential	4,400	TSB	6,200
Bk of Scot	1,900	Gen Acc	1,200	RMC	346	Tesco	7,100
Barclays	4,000	Gen Elec	15,000	RTZ	2,200	Thames W	1,700
Bass	2,100	Glaxo	8,200	Rank Org	2,800	Thrn EMI	2,300
Blue Circle	2,100	Granada	1,200	Reckitt Col	1,000	Tomkins	2,900
Boots	2,300	Grand Met	4,900	Redland	1,100	Unilever	3,300
Bowater	1,500	Guinness	13,000	Reed Intl	789	Utd Bisc	1,200
Brit Aero	1,800	HSBC	7,400	Rentokil	1,200	Vodafone	7,800
Brit Airwys	6,300	Hanson	30,000	Reuters	3,400	Warburg (SG)	757
Brit Gas	8,400	ICI	1,600	Rolls Royce	2,900	Wellcome	4,200
Brit Steel	6,100	Inchcape	1,700	Ryl Ins	5,900	Whitbread	2,500
Burmah Cast	280	Kingfisher	1,900	Ryl Bk Scot	1,700	Wlms Hld	3,800
Cable Wire	3,300	Ladbroke	2,900	Sainsbury	6,100	Wolseley	1,000
Cadbury	2,300	Land Secs	794	Scot & New	1,900	Zeneca	3,500

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3781.66 (-2.91)
S&P Composite .... 465.00 (-0.01)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20824.56 (+38.20)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9537.98 (+171.36)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 417.80 (+0.73)

Sydney: AO .... 2059.5 (+19.5)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2162.29 (+19.15)

FT 30 share: .... 2497.5 (+23.0)

Brussels:
General .... 7633.49 (+28.04)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2034.98 (+22.63)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 671.90 (+3.90)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1596.52 (+18.22)
FT Non Financials .... 1734.26 (+17.47)
FT Gold Mines .... 237.4 (+4.3)
FT Fixed Interest .... 109.59 (+0.55)
FT Govt Secs .... 91.98 (+0.61)
Bargains 31965
SEAQ Volume 771.9m
USM (Datastrm) .... 157.52 (+0.13)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Dealings From	Dealings To	Final Declaration	For Settlement
August 8	August 19	November 10	November 24

Call options were taken out on 17/8/94: Allied Irish Bank, Aminex, Anglo Pacific, Bank Of Ireland, Bluebird Toys, BTR, Bullers, Guinness, Magnum, Tullow Oil.
Puts: Allied Irish Bank, Bank Of Ireland, BTR, Bullers, Guinness, Tullow Oil.
Puts & Calls: Glaxo, Tullow Oil, Wellcome.

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 59708)	Sep 94	3173.0	3220.0	3172.0	3207.0	[illegible]
	Dec 94	3220.0	3222.0	3214.0	3221.0	335
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 540023)	Sep 94	94.05	94.21	94.03	94.16	23398
	Dec 94	93.27	93.45	93.26	93.36	41472
	Mar 95	92.68	92.85	92.68	92.74	12913
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 6901)	Sep 94	94.90	94.90	94.89	94.89	299
	Dec 94	94.28	94.28	94.27	94.28	417
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 793330)	Sep 94	95.05	95.09	95.04	95.06	21915
	Dec 94	94.86	94.94	94.85	94.86	43347
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 114678)	Sep 94	101-16	102-22	101-08	101-09	96774
	Dec 94	101-19	102-07	101-00	100-29	[illegible]
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 94	107.74	107.92	107.74	107.90	[illegible]
	Dec 94	106.64	106.85	106.62	106.83	1526
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 167107)	Sep 94	92.39	92.42	91.49	91.54	[illegible]
	Dec 94	91.50	91.50	90.63	90.67	4068
German Gov Bd Bobl (Previous open interest: 76)	Sep 94				96.92	0
	Dec 94					0
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 25301)	Sep 94	93.78	93.85	93.78	93.85	1245
	Dec 94	93.47	93.55	93.47	93.50	553
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 35834)	Sep 94	95.62	95.65	95.59	95.62	6055
	Dec 94	95.41	95.45	95.37	95.38	3352
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 91861)	Sep 94	98.24	98.33	97.35	97.56	44392
	Dec 94	96.75	96.90	95.90	96.06	3445

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 78.8 (day's range 78.7-78.9).

Mkt Rates for Aug 17	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	[illegible]-2.6971	2.6887-2.6921	¼pr-par	½-¼pr
Brussels	[illegible]-49.50	49.29-49.40	2pr-2ds	4pr-4ds
Copenhagen	[illegible]-9.5400	9.5050-9.5200	⅝-1⅞ds	2¼-3¾ds
Dublin	[illegible]-1.0140	1.0112-1.0139	2-6ds	13-19ds
Frankfurt	[illegible]-2.4033	2.3937-2.3969	¼pr-par	½-¼pr
Lisbon	[illegible]-246.64	245.48-246.12	137-154ds	384-436ds
Madrid	199.84-200.67	199.84-200.13	42-53ds	119-141ds
Milan	2439.90-2452.10	2439.90-2443.90	7-9ds	23-26ds
Montreal	2.1138-2.1219	2.1189-2.1219	0.03-0.04ds	0.06-0.07ds
New York	[illegible]-1.5406	1.5396-1.5406	0.06-0.04pr	0.24-0.21pr
Oslo	10.5360-10.5730	10.5360-10.5510	⅛-1⅛ds	⅝-1½ds
Paris	8.2000-8.2450	8.2060-8.2200	⅛-⅝ds	⅛-1⅛ds
Stockholm	12.1160-12.1770	12.1160-12.1400	2¼-2⅞ds	7⅝-8⅛ds
Tokyo	154.23-154.89	154.23-154.50	⅛-⅝pr	1⅞-1½pr
Vienna	16.86-16.94	16.90-16.94	1pr-par	4½-2½pr
Zurich	2.0130-2.0195	2.0130-2.0159	¼-⅛pr	⅝-1½pr

Source: Barclays [illegible]

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

Argentina peso*	1.5371-1.5397
Australia dollar	2.0770-2.0790
Bahrain dinar	0.5735-0.5855
Brazil real*	1.3771-1.3812
Cyprus pound	0.7275-0.7375
Finland markka	7.9120-8.0280
Greece drachma	359.75-366.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.8858-11.8912
India rupee	47.77-48.73
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4536-0.4636
Malaysia ringgit	3.9369-3.9397
Mexico peso	5.17-5.27
New Zealand dollar	2.5688-2.5726
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7045-5.8305
Singapore dollar	2.3162-2.3185
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9295-6.9803
S Africa rand (com)	5.5144-5.5227
U A E dirham	5.5855-5.7095

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

Australia	1.3504-1.3513
Austria	10.97-10.98
Belgium (Com)	32.10-32.14
Canada	1.3763-1.3768
Denmark	6.1898-6.1918
France	5.3470-5.3490
Germany	1.5592-1.5599
Hong Kong	7.7261-7.7271
Ireland	1.5155-1.5180
Italy	1590.8-1592.3
Japan	100.25-100.30
Malaysia	2.5591-2.5601
Netherlands	1.7500-1.7520
Norway	6.8700-6.8720
Portugal	160.10-160.30
Singapore	1.5055-1.5065
Spain	130.28-130.38
Sweden	7.8917-7.8992
Switzerland	1.3110-1.3120

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¼ Low 4½ Week fixed: 4¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5⅛. Sell: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth: 5⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5-4⅞	5⅛-5⅛	5⁵⁄₁₆-5⅛	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	6⅛-6⅛
Interbank:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	6⅛-6⅛

Overnight: open 4⅞, close 5⅛.

Local Authority Deps:	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5⅝	6⅛
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-5	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅝-5¹¹⁄₁₆	6⅛-6⅛
Dollar CDs:	4.69-4.66	n/a	4.91-4.88	5.17-5.14	5.65-5.62
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅝-5⅝	6⅛-6⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 29, 1994 Agreed rates Aug 24, 1994 to Sept 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.50 %. Reference rate July 1, 1994 to July 29, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.246 %.

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4⅜-4¼	4¹³⁄₁₆-4⅝	4¹³⁄₁₆-4¹¹⁄₁₆	5⅛-5	4⅝-3⅝
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4⅞	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4⅞	5-4⅞	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-4⅞
French Franc:	4⅞-5⅛	5⅝-5⅛	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⅝	5⅝-5¹¹⁄₁₆	6-5
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-3⅝	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-3⅝
Yen:	2⅛-1⅞	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅛

Bullion: Open $378.00-378.40 Close: $377.60-378.10 High: $378.00-378.40
Low: $376.50-377.00 Krugerrand: $379.50-381.50 (£247.25-249.25)
Sovereigns: Old $88.25-90.25 (£57.00-59.00) New $88.25-90.25 (£57.00-59.00)
Platinum: $411.75 (£267.30) Silver: $5.12 (£3.325) Palladium: $152.60 ([illegible])

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	589	31	—	—	17	—	—
(*597½)	638	10½	—	—	47½	—	—
Argyll	260	26	32½	39	6	11	16½
(*277½)	280	14	21½	29	—	20½	26½
ASDA	60	6½	9	10½	3½	5½	6½
(*63)	70	2½	4½	6	9½	11½	12½
Boots	500	52½	57½	70	5½	13	19
(*540)	550	19½	30	41½	25	34½	41
Br Airways	390	38	47	57	7½	16	20½
(*415½)	420	20	30½	41½	20½	29½	35
BP	390	34½	42½	49	7½	14	18
(*412)	420	15	25½	33	19½	27½	32
Br Steel	140	23	26½	30	2	4½	6½
(*159½)	160	9	14	18	8	12	14½
C & W	420	41	51½	61	9	17	22½
(*448)	460	18½	30	40	27	35½	41½
CU	500	49	62½	67	7	13½	21
(*536)	550	17½	32½	39	28	33	46
ICI	800	55	74½	87½	16½	28	43½
(*828½)	850	27	47	59½	40½	52½	68
Kingfishr	500	47	64½	75½	10½	17½	23
(*540)	550	21½	36	48½	32	39½	45
Land Sec	650	31	40½	52½	14½	25	28
(*658½)	700	9½	17½	29½	46	55	56½
M & S	420	26	34½	43½	9	16½	20½
(*432½)	460	7½	16	24½	32½	38½	42
Nat West	460	35	48½	56	12	19	30
(*478½)	500	14½	27½	36	32½	39	52
Sainsbury	420	35	43	52½	11½	20½	25½
(*438½)	460	14½	24	33½	32	41	46
Shell	700	35½	48½	57½	15½	23	33½
(*723½)	750	11	24	32	46½	52	61½
Smkl Bch	420	41	50½	57	9	16½	22½
(*446½)	460	17	28	35½	27	35½	42½
Storehse	220	13	18	22½	9½	13	17½
(*221)	240	5	9	14	23	25½	29½
Trafalgar	90	10½	12½	16½	4½	7	8½
(*94)	100	5½	8	12	10½	13½	14½
Unilever	1100	58	77½	93	19½	30½	46
(*1129½)	1150	30½	50½	64½	47½	54½	70
Zeneca	800	59	75	87½	14	23	38
(*846½)	850	27	46½	59	36	46	62½

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Grnd Met	420	41	48½	55	11	19	24
(*445)	460	16½	25½	35	39½	39	44
Ladbroke	160	21	25½	30	8	9½	13
(*171½)	180	9½	16	21	19	21½	24
Utd Bisc	330	27	33	38	13½	17½	25½
(*343½)	360	12	19	24	30	34	43

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	500	26	36	46½	12½	18½	23
(*510)	525	14½	23½	32½	26	31	35
Thames W	500	27½	35	45	16	26	31
(*507½)	550	7½	15	22½	48	57½	61½

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAT Ind	420	32	43½	50	15½	21	30
(*430)	460	14	24½	30½	39	44	53½
BTR	360	32½	39½	43½	9½	13	19½
(*384)	390	15	22½	27½	23½	28	34½
Br Aero	500	39	56	64	30	43½	49½
(*507½)	550	18½	33½	43½	60½	72½	78
Br Telcm	360	33	36	42	6½	13½	16½
(*380½)	390	15	20½	27	20	29	32
Cadbury	460	29	41	45½	16	20½	28
(*474)	500	11	22½	27	40½	43	50½
Guinness	460	26½	37½	43½	17	23	29½
(*468½)	500	9½	21	24½	43½	47½	53
GEC	280	28½	32	37½	5	9	11½
(*299)	300	16½	20½	26	13	17½	20
Hanson	260	13	17½	21	12½	17½	21
(*261)	280	5½	9½	13½	26	30½	33
LASMO	154	14	—	—	9½	—	—
(*157)	180	6½	8½	12½	29	29½	31
Lucas	180	34½	27	29½	7	10	13
(*197½)	200	12	15½	19	17	20	23½
Pilkingtn	180	24½	27½	31½	4	7	9½
(*198)	200	9	15½	20½	12½	16	19
Prudential	300	24½	30½	35½	10½	14½	22½
(*314½)	330	9½	16½	21½	27½	31	39
Redland	500	43½	54½	60	16½	22½	33½
(*527½)	550	18½	31	36	45	50	62
Royal Ins	260	28	35	39	11½	15	19½
(*277½)	280	17	25	29	21½	25	30
Tesco	240	17	24½	28	11½	15½	19
(*246½)	260	6½	15	19	23	26	30
Vodafone	183	20	24	—	6	9½	—
(*194½)	200	9½	15	19½	14	18	20
Williams	354	24	—	—	12½	—	—
(*366½)	384	9½	—	—	30	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3189½)

	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300
Calls						
Aug	150	100	50	15	3	1½
Sep	173	131	96	65	40	23
Oct	190	154	121	93	70	50
Nov	213	177	145	117	93	72
Dec	—	198	—	139	—	95
Puts						
Aug	1	1½	4½	21	63	113
Sep	16	25	39	59	86	121
Oct	36	50	68	90	117	147
Nov	52	66	84	106	132	161
Dec	—	80	—	122	—	177

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	17½	30	38½	11	17	26
(*396)	420	6½	17	24	30	34½	43½
Amstrad	30	4½	6	7½	1½	3	4
(*33)	35	2	3½	5	4	6	7
Barclays	550	24½	44	54½	12½	22½	33
(*560)	600	7½	21	31	45	52	61½
Blue Circ	300	19	28	36½	9	15½	21½
(*310½)	330	6	14½	23	28½	33½	38½
Br Gas	280	18½	23	27½	5	12½	15½
(*291½)	300	7½	12½	17½	14½	24	24½
Dixons	200	16	24½	29	6½	11½	16
(*208)	220	6½	14½	19½	17½	22½	27½
Forte	220	24	28	33	3	7½	11
(*239)	240	10½	15½	22	9½	16½	20½
Hillsdwn	160	20½	24½	27½	2	4½	7
(*177½)	180	7	12	16	9½	12½	16
Lonrho	130	8½	14½	17½	5	9	12½
(*132½)	140	4½	9½	13	12	15	18
Sears	110	12	14	17	2	4½	6
(*119)	120	5	7½	11	5½	8½	11
Thrn Eml	1000	58	87½	100½	15½	33½	50
(*1035)	1050	28	59	73½	37½	57½	73
Tomkins	220	24	30	33½	3	7	10½
(*239)	240	9½	17½	22½	9½	15	18½
TSB	200	17½	24	28	3½	7	11½
(*213)	220	6	13½	17	13	17	22
Wellcome	700	43½	67½	85½	20½	36	47
(*719)	750	18½	43½	60	48½	63	72½

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Glaxo	600	50	63	72½	23½	35	47½
(*635)	650	21½	38½	49	52½	63	74½
HSBC	700	62½	85	100½	31	45½	67½
(*733½)	750	37	60½	76½	59	71	94½
Reuter	500	26½	40½	53	22½	30½	39
(*499½)	512½	20½	—	—	29½	—	—

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
R-Royce	200	14	19½	23½	13½	16½	20½
(*201)	220	6½	11½	15	26½	29½	32½

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Fisons	140	13½	17	19½	3	7½	10½
(*149)	160	3½	6½	10½	14½	19	22

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Eastrn Elc	750	58½	75	88½	29	39½	48
(*771½)	800	35	50½	63½	53	64½	72½

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Natl Pwr	500	20	34	46	16	30½	32½
(*507½)	550	4	15	25	51½	61½	63½
Scot Pwr	390	20	34	39	11½	18½	25
(*395½)	420	6	19½	25	30	39½	40½

August 17, 1994 Tot: 46716 Calls: 26656 Puts: 20060 FT-SE Calls: 8162 Puts: 8001
*Underlying security price.

GNI REPORT: New York led the way on coffee, trading on technicals. December ran into selling approaching $2, dragging London lower to a close $75 lower against Tuesday's close at $3366. In the short term, fresh fundamental news is required to lift prices from here, and much will depend on the United States.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	1057-1056	Dec	1150-1147
Dec	1079-1078	Mar	1167-1160
Mar	1098-1097	May	1169-1165
May	1109-1108	Jul	1188-1170
Jul	1124-1120		
Sep	1124-1123	Volume:	5993

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	3405-3400	May	3285-3280
Nov	3370-3365	Jul	3285-3270
Jan	3340-3330	Sep	3275-3255
Mar	3310-3300	Volume:	3839

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		May	—
Spot: 305.90		Jul	—
Oct	12.28 BID	Oct	—
Jan	—	Jan	—
Mar	—	Volume:	0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	315.1-13.6
Spot: 345.00		Aug	317.1-15.0
Oct	317.5-17.0	Oct	304.6-00.5
Dec	314.7-13.9	Dec	304.6-98.0
Mar	314.6-13.9	Volume:	676

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 16

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	78.44	88.50	120.35
(+/-)	+5.37	-4.41	+0.33
Eng/Wales:	79.09	88.87	118.78
(+/-)	+6.35	-4.52	+0.84
(%)	+13.0	+5.0	+44.0
Scotland:	74.44	86.89	124.99
(+/-)	-0.47	-3.65	-0.92
(%)	+3.0	+18.0	+37.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	—	—	Mar	—	—
Sep	—	—	Volume:		—

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	104.60
Nov	105.25
Jan	107.30
Mar	109.15
May	110.90
Volume:	548

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	103.75
Nov	105.00
Jan	106.10
Mar	108.00
May	109.75
Volume:	43

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Sep	unq
Nov	—
Jan	—
Mar	—
May	—
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	200.0	207.5
May	unq	210.5
Volume:		175

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Sep 78.25-78.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Despite a likely prolongation of the oil strikes in Nigeria, intense selling pressure forced prices lower.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.25	-0.50
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.50	-0.45
Brent 15 day (Oct)	16.70	-0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	17.70	-0.50
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	17.85	-0.60

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	202 (-2)	205 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	149 (-3)	151 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Sep	150 (-2)	151 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Oct	152 (-2)	154 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	84 (-1)	85 (-1)
Naphtha	154 (-3)	161 (-3)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Sep	150.00-50.25	Dec	158.25 SLR
Oct	153.75-54.00	Jan	159.75-60.00
Nov	156.25-56.50	Feb	160.25-60.50
		Vol:	14249

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	16.69-16.70	Jan	16.72 BID
Nov	16.74-16.75	Feb	16.72 SLR
Dec	16.74-16.76	Vol:	27731

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Sep	180.00 BID	Dec	unq
Oct	170.00 BID	Jan	—
Nov	unq	Vol:	40

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 94	1485	1475	1485
Sep 94	1430	1422	1433
Oct 94	1430	1426	1434
Jan 95	1450	1450	1450

Vol: 136 lots. Open int'st: 2544 Index 1507 +2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2387.5-2388.5	2399.0-2400.0	1400350
Lead ($/tonne)	557.50-558.00	575.00-576.00	371075
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	937.50-938.00	962.00-962.50	476000
Tin ($/tonne)	5170.0-5175.0	5260.0-5265.0	14270
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1446.5-1447.5	1476.0-1477.0	1777150
Nickel ($/tonne)	5605.0-5606.0	5690.0-5700.0	80166

ECONOMIC VIEW

Taking statistics with a shovelful of salt

Anthony Harris urges a big dose of the scepticism voiced on official figures by Alan Greenspan of the Fed for market dealers and news commentators



Alan Greenspan, left, who offered a health warning, and Lord Balogh, who thought prevention was better than cure

Can we believe what we read in the papers, or in official statistics? Probably not, judging by an important session of Capitol Hill last week. Cross-examining the great is one of the most valued privileges of US Congressmen — not least the qualified and argumentative economists who sit there. So when the monetary affairs sub-committee of the US House of Representatives invited Alan Greenspan, of the Fed, to explain how he turns economic facts into policy, they were no doubt hoping for headlines. Monetary policy matters to voters, and denouncing the Fed is a hallowed populist tradition.

However, the Fed chairman is something of a glacier — he moves slowly, and offers few footholds. The Congressmen did get a veiled warning of the pre-emptive policy move this week: "By the time that aggregate price indices reveal that inflation is on the upswing, many imbalances have developed that are costly to rectify." But this was buried in a lecture not about policy, but about statistics. The general message: you cannot trust them. Implication: trust me instead.

A current example: international capital flows are a matter of intense interest to currency managers, who try to keep close track of them. All leading countries keep detailed records, which are closely followed in the markets. The surpluses and deficits should add up to something near zero — the balance roughly reflecting flows to emerging markets. But the new official figures for the first quarter of this year show a combined deficit of $100 billion, a completely implausible figure.

Sloppy work? Probably not. If you remember that money flows through the New York inter-bank clearing system alone at a rate of more than *$2 billion a minute*, you can see how small discrepancies in reporting times could mess up the numbers. All financial statistics have this weakness — a blurred snapshot of a fast-moving subject; the official tables all contain large numbers decribed as "residual error", or "balancing item".

These can be surpringly consistent, reflecting, perhaps, a pattern of evasion. So Charles Goodhart was showing more than his sense of mischief when he once explained the Bank of England technique for forecasting credit demand. He said: "We always start with the residual error, because it is the only number we consistently get right." Indeed, the Bank has a long tradition of makeshift estimation of important numbers. When the Government demanded mid-month trade figures in the beseiged 1940s, the Bank, which tracked trade through exchange controls, used simply to weigh the documents.

These inaccuracies are not just academic curiosities; they can change the world. The 1964 balance of payments crisis possibly swung the general election to Harold Wilson; as the figures were revised, it proved a myth. The figures provided their own revenge: an equally mythical crisis in May 1974 helped Edward Heath to unseat him. In the 1970s, Thomas (later Lord) Balogh, Wilson's own Hungarian, decided to tackle this. His research showed that exports were consistently under-recorded, so he ordered that each month's figures should be inflated by 2 per cent to allow for error: the Goodhart technique. This did reduce subsequent revisions, but not enough to ward off another largely phony crisis in 1976. The whole mess generated a catchphrase: "Worried about the balance of payments? Just leave it to the statisticians." Nowadays, trade numbers are stored in data banks, so the addition sums are more precise; but the raw data are worse than ever, especially in the EC single market, and everybody knows it; so only small headlines greeted the official figures that that the British deficit in the first quarter of this year was less than £700 million, after averaging £2.7 billion a quarter last year. Nobody really believes either figure. However, reporters — and the markets — seem as credulous as ever when they hear of a "surge" of 0.4 per cent in output, or a fall of 0.2 per cent in inflation. These changes are, in fact, well within the margin of measurement error. It is even worse in the US, where figures are routinely annualised: the figures above would be reported as an impressive sounding rise of 4.8 per cent in output, or a fall of 2.4 per cent in inflation; and there is even less excuse for it. All British statistics carry a technical health warning, but a hard-pressed trader or reporter will probably skip it, and perhaps rightly. It is not facts that move markets, but what the market believes to be a fact. In the US, the health warning is in the numbers; one announcement I remember is that "housing starts rose last month by 1.3 per cent (+ or - 2.8 per cent)". Rising at a 15 per cent rate? It takes some chutzpah to annualise a rise that may even be a sharp fall.

> "British statistics carry a technical health warning, but a hard-pressed trader will probably skip it"

The natural American, can-do response to such problems is to try harder (though the British government prefers to save it pennies, which it can count). Much effort goes into checking samples, rebasing weighted series, and better computers. But as Mr Greenspan pointed out, some of the problems are, in principle, insoluble. "The part of the real value of output which reflects ideas rather than bulk has increased immeasurably" (a word clearly picked with care). "As a result, units of output have become ever more difficult to identify. One ton of 99.7 per cent pure aluminium is fairly well defined in quantity and quality. A computer program is not." Nor is a unit of nursing, a week of consultancy — or, for that matter, the real value of this article.

Even inflation, the holy grail of all central bankers (and of John Major), is, in fact, a vague concept, only partly for the same reasons. If we cannot measure a quantity, we cannot measure a unit price; but even where the unit is known, the price is uncertain in an age of discounts and haggling. And average prices, the inverse of the value of money, could be known only if we knew exactly what everyone bought, and where, and at what price. Impossible.

Generally, we know that inflation tends to be overstated, but not by how much; and as Mr Greenspan said: "Any imprecision about prices translates directly into uncertainty in the real values of output and productivity." This, again, has real-world consequences. The accidental salvation of British manufacturing on Black Wednesday was largely because of the market belief that the British economy was still falling into depression two years ago. Revised figures show that the recovery was already two quarters old. It seems that it is statistics, rather than economics as practised by Mr Greenspan, that deserve to be known as the gloomy science.

Does all this mean that policy is made in the dark? Not according to Mr Greenspan; but it does mean that policy-makers must pay close attention to "anecdote" — sentiment surveys, industry panels and plain personal contact, as the Fed and our own Treasury increasingly do. Even then, policy is prone to error, and so the best form of control is one that can quickly be corrected: monetary, not fiscal policy.

And the best cure for the manic-depressive psychosis of market dealers and news commentators would be a large dose of Greenspan scepticism about official numbers. There is less in them than meets the eye.

TEMPUS

Taut cable

BICC investors may remember the days when their company used to earn margins of 8 to 9 per cent on the US cable side, but the directors are understandably vague about when the good times will come round again. It is not an academic point since progress on cable margins remains the key to the group's profits in the years to come.

Yesterday's welcome for BICC's interims was all down to a better-than-expected swing into profit from US cables, but margins there are still only 3 per cent and the market is betting they can improve to 5 per cent or so within a couple of years, even if progress thereafter may be slower. This is just as well: BICC's similar reticence to give a view on when it can expect any real benefits from the Government's intention to use private capital on infrastructure investments tells its own story. Meanwhile, British construction, and Balfour Beatty in particular, can expect some lean years of wafer-thin tender margins before then, as witnessed by a half-way decline of 9 per cent in the builder's turnover as work on the Channel Tunnel dried up and the company became less keen to take on other unprofitable contracts.

Running in tandem with an improvement in the US cables side will be impressive growth from the new Asia Pacific business, which is forecast to equal North America's £500 million annual sales by the turn of the decade. Analysts were inclined to upgrade BICC forecasts for the current year on the back of the figures, and a consensus £136 million before tax puts the shares on a forward multiple of 21. Demanding for now, but the shares have long-term potential.

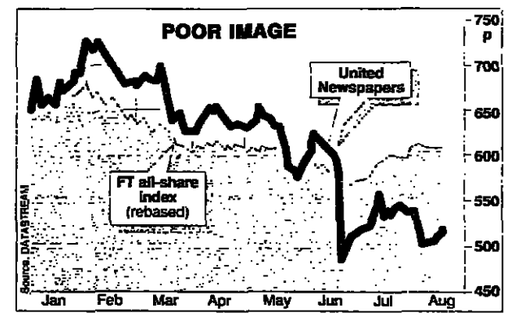
Utd Newspapers

ALMOST to confound suggestions that it might one day sell the Express, United Newspapers is beefing up its high-profile subsidiary by using it to acquire a leading picture library. Businesses like Visual Communications Group are more attractive to investors than volatile and low-margin national newspapers. VCG's picture libraries already earn a 21 per cent pre-tax margin. This could rise further if United can develop products such as catalogues on CD-Rom and use VCG to develop the Express's picture library into a profit centre.

The stock picture market is expanding at 25 per cent a year, since publishing and advertising companies are using it increasingly as an alternative to mounting their own expensive shoots.

United has ample resources for such acquisitions after last year's call and the sale of Extel Financial. These are lessening the dependence on national newspapers, which should generate less than a fifth of profits this year, but the market still sees United as a newspaper publisher and its shares have suffered accordingly.

The £27 million price for VGC represents an earnings multiple in the mid-teens, which is not expensive for a business with such prospects. In fact, it is hard to escape the conclusion that the shares would command a far higher rating if United were a pure specialist media group with business like this, and were to quit the national newspaper scene entirely.



Swiss banks

FOR institutions that are considered a watchword for stability, Swiss banks are capable of some fairly wild swings. The collection of results from the big three Swiss moneylenders, UBS, Swiss Bank Corporation and CS Holdings, owner of Credit Suisse, suffered sharp falls in profit, mainly as a result of reduced profits from their securities trading arms.

CS saw its trading income plunge 43 per cent in the first half, while SBC suffered the worst profit fall in the first half, mainly due to a 63 per cent collapse in trading income. The problem for the Swiss is their heavy reliance on securities trading: this accounts for about a third of their business and with financial markets still suffering from occasional dizzy spells, the optimistic noises coming out of Zurich from the banks seem premature.

The upbeat mood is reflected in provisioning with the three musketeers all taking swingeing cuts in provisions. The prize went to SBC that cut its allowance for bad debts by half, suggesting that the Swiss economic recovery has gone into overdrive. In reality, Swiss banks tend to overprovide in the good times, leaving more room for manoeuvre when the going gets tough. But without signs of a return to normal trading in the financial markets, the shares are better left to the Swiss.

Waterglade

CAST your eye down the quoted property lists and you will find more than 100 companies but precious few of any substance. The top seven, including the likes of Land Securities, account for about 70 per cent of the sector's capitalisation. Add to that another dozen or so sound middle-rankers and you are left with some 60 to 70 small companies worth less than £50 million and dozens with precious little to recommend them save their listing.

Most are labouring under too much debt or are lumbered with poorly performing properties. The sector needs consolidation but in spite of the issue of billions of pounds of property equity to institutions there have been few, if any, takeovers recently. The problem lies in managements; high share ratings preclude aggressive bids and a team of directors used to pocketing big salaries is unlikely to hand over the reins quietly or cheaply. But newcomers, keen to get their hands on shell companies to develop their private businesses, have been scouring the lists, and booting out the existing board is a cheap way of gaining a stock market quote — worth about £500,000 in fees and commissions alone.

Waterglade has been struggling to right itself after being capsized by debt and overdevelopment. It desperately needs new capital and the incumbent management's clumsy attempts to mount a rights issue have effectively been scuppered while they do battle with rebel shareholders. Takeovers by management coup may be a cheap way of changing a company's direction, but they ill serve shareholders who want information and would prefer to see a curriculum vitae and business plan before they anoint a new chairman.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Trigger-happy banks have destroyed many businesses

From Mr Donald Wilson

Your report of Barclays Bank's profits for the first half, (August 10), prompts a few thoughts. The thrust of your comments are the concern felt at the further loss of jobs in the bank and possible deterioration in customer services.

May I suggest another major concern ought to be the loss of thousands of businesses during the last few years due to the trigger-happy policy of appointing receivers without perhaps a proper and full consideration of alternative solutions. The closure of these businesses has brought untold misery to many people, not only to those who have lost their jobs but also to the owners of the businesses, who in many cases have lost their homes as a result of personal guarantees being called in.

I would suggest full disclosure of provisions written back as a result of collecting debts covered by personal guarantees ought to be provided in the accounts of banks and, furthermore, full disclosure of debts that have been written off, such as the widely reported loans to the Third World countries. In this way, a much fairer picture of the true state of the banks' financial position would be established and it would present a far better case for the banks when trying to convince dissatisfied customers whom they have treated in a high-handed and cavalier fashion.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD WILSON,
Kingsfield House,
62 Park Road,
Aldeburgh,
Suffolk.

C&G borrowers must fight to share in payout

From Mr James Edwards

Sir, As a borrower with the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society who has never missed a payment in five years, I am proposing to my fellow 370,000 borrowers that they join with me to form a C&G borrowers' action group. Our aim will be to demand that the C&G offer us mortgage-payers a similar sum to that being offered to savers. This could be given in a number of possible ways that are all within the rules governing societies' lending policy.

We would find acceptable a reduction in our mortgage rate for a period that will equate to the sum paid to lenders. Better still would be a lump sum deduction from our outstanding capital. This would reward our loyalty.

We are aware that the chief executive of the C&G will be handsomely rewarded when the takeover occurs. We are aware that he says that he would have liked to reward us similarly but the courts have tied his hands.

Well, let him now be aware that I would like to invite the 370,000 mortgage-payers to form our action group. If our demands cannot be met, then we would like to invite other societies and institutions to bid for our 370,000 mortgages. What price will Lloyds pay if the majority of these mortgages have switched to another lender? It is our business they want. Take action now.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES EDWARDS,
PO Box 268,
Sole Street,
Cobham,
Kent.

New savers not losers

From Mrs Elizabeth Lewis

Sir, I object to the headline "Thousands may lose out in C&G offer" (August 12), which implies that those C&G investors of less than two years' standing have lost out. Anyone eligible to benefit from the C&G offer should see it as a bonus.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH LEWIS,
46 The Lawns,
Gotherington,
Cheltenham,
Gloucestershire.

'Shady' directors

From Mr Roy K. Ross

Sir, Your article (August 11) about one in four directors being involved in failed firms and the level of convictions for the first quarter of 1994, 13 in all, shows an apparent disregard for justice.

Should an unequivocal lead be given once and for all by the Department of Trade and Industry, then the vast majority (75 per cent) of law abiding company directors will breathe a sigh of relief, and give the necessary credence, so long overdue, to a profession that lacks credulity.

If, in truth, the DTI took the offending directors to task every time a misdemeanour was perpetrated, the exceptions up to now being the blatant offenders, the whole image of shady, dubious company directors would fade into the background once and for all.

Yours faithfully,
ROY K. ROSS,
Managing Director,
R K Ross & Co Ltd,
Fabricator House,
George Leigh Street,
Manchester.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Furber plays another ace

SECOND time lucky for Richard Furber, the former American tennis star who enjoyed a high profile during the Eighties as head of Dean Witter Europe. Furber, who was the Wall Street firm's most senior official outside the US, has resurfaced in the City as UK managing director of Raymond James, a fast-growing investment bank based in St Petersburg, Florida. "This great opportunity turned up again to build a business," says Boston-born Furber, 45, whose tennis career was curtailed by a motorcycle accident. He aims to build a sizeable team at Raymond James, which covers everything from US equities to private client fund management. Furber is also remembered for a brief stint at Lehman Brothers, which yesterday announced several hirings of its own. Nicholas Peacock, former head of regional research with Schroders in Hong Kong, arrives to sell Asian equities to UK and European clients. Jonathan Trafford joins the US institutional equity sales desk from Lazards, and David Smith comes on board to sell Japanese equities. Vincent Walsh and Richard Newboult arrive from Morgan Stanley.

Seeds of discontent

NATIONWIDE has tripped up over an offer of free seeds. It has attracted the wrath of a Mrs Atkinson, of Scaynes Hill, West Sussex, who writes: "I have today received two packets of 'Centaura Cyanus Blue Ball' seeds from Nationwide marketing department. We'll generously overlook the fact that they've spelt the name incorrectly — it is in fact Centaurea Cyanus — and that you don't sow hardy annual seeds in July, but in March or April ... The 'instructions' on the packet are silly in the extreme. This little exercise seems to be a total and senseless waste of their investors' money." Nationwide says it sent "a few thousand" packets of the seeds in response to a competition in the customer magazine, and relied on the instructions provided by the supplier.



"The only prices going up are share prices"

Down Under

WHAT is it about the Pacific Rim? First, Paul Keating insults Malaysia and causes a diplomatic dispute. Then his predessor as prime minister, Bob Hawke, wades in with cutting remarks about his native land. Now, enter Japan. Hideaki Ogasawara, chairman of *Japan Times*, has been giving his version of life Down Under. "In terms of politics, Australia is a third-rate country, but in terms of its lifestyle, it is first-class. Even a worker on a reasonably good wage in Australia can own a yacht. They are surprised when they come to Japan and see that hardly anyone has a yacht." Quite. They buy islands off Queensland instead.

Sounding out

RESIDENTS of Hong Kong keen to move on before the handover to China have a new destination — South Africa. I gather that dozens of Hong Kong Chinese are surfacing down south, sniffing at potential joint ventures and generally checking the place out. They join the growing number of scouts from Indian companies looking to invest heavily in the healthcare sector. "A lot of Hong Kong money is flowing into SA," says Tony van der Schyf, a business consultant visiting London to brief potential investors. "The entrepreneurs of the new South Africa will be expats from India and Hong Kong."

FOOTBALL is more fun than futures. A City dealer has placed a £700 bet on Oldham and Oxford, both relegated last season, bouncing straight back as champions of the Endsleigh Insurance League divisions one and two respectively. With both sides priced at 12-1, the double stands to net him £188,000. Oldham scored five goals in its opening match on Saturday at home to Charlton, while Oxford put four past Hull.

JON ASHWORTH

ACCOUNTANCY

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

COLIN Sharman has competition. The KPMG Peat Marwick senior partner, known for his sailing exploits, will note that another yachtie, Anthony Browne, has stepped into Howard Hyman's shoes at Price Waterhouse. Browne, a PW man through and through, becomes head of corporate finance and recovery for Europe, filling the gap left by Hyman's untimely exit to Charterhouse Bank. And he brings quite a nautical track record with him, having tackled various long hauls on his yacht *Quiver*, appropriately, for a PW partner, a Bowman 40. A cross-Atlantic trip to the Caribbean is planned this winter.

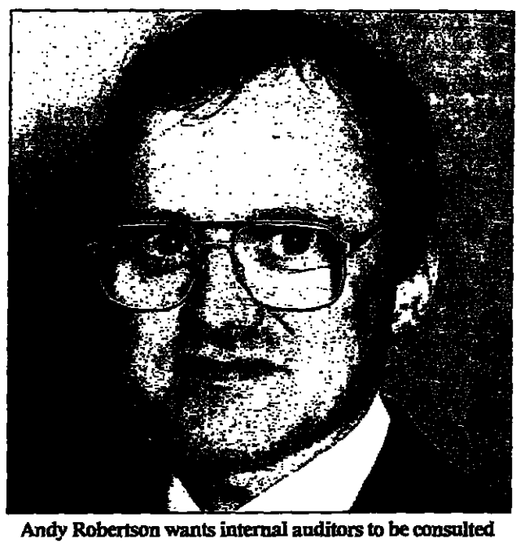
PERSONNEL managers in London are the most generous in the UK, offering candidates up to an 8.4 per cent increase when recruiting. Their equivalents in Birmingham and Manchester offer about 4 per cent, a survey by Robert Half found, but financial managers in London are even more miserly, offering a mere 3 per cent increase.

I HEAR that an unruly bunch from Ernst & Young were spotted making waves at Hay's Galleria, right under the nose of Price Waterhouse, their rivals in Southwark Towers. Champagne corks went flying recently after they won the annual Petanque Challenge, sponsored by the Café Rouge, which presented the victors with £300 holiday vouchers towards a trip to France.

JON ASHWORTH

Profession must listen to internal auditors

Andy Robertson argues that the internal control debate needs the advice of experts



Andy Robertson wants internal auditors to be consulted

A number of corporate governance issues have surfaced in recent years that have increased interest in the subject of internal control. The most significant of these was the Cadbury Report of 1992, which called for greater emphasis to be placed on internal control. It was intended to encourage companies to accept a code of practice that would improve corporate governance and help to limit the possibility of fraud. The report stated that all listed companies should include a report on internal control in their annual reports.

As a result, internal control is gaining a much higher profile, and this area is under the spotlight to a greater extent than ever before.

For some time, the most active body promoting better internal control has been the Institute of Internal Auditors — UK (IIA-UK). Long before Sir Adrian Cadbury began his investigations, the IIA-UK was publicising the importance of the role of the internal audit department in safeguarding a company's resources and maximising efficiency, economy and effectiveness. As well as representing its 4,000 UK members, the IIA-UK takes a proactive role in internal audit issues and provides two specialist qualifications in internal control.

Yet there seems to be an assumption across industry and commerce that only the various professional accountancy bodies are equipped to comment and provide guidance on internal control and audit matters. As a result, only these institutes have been invited to participate in the creation of the new auditing standards and pronouncements. While internal audit is primarily concerned with good management, as opposed to accounting, it is difficult to understand why the Consultative Committee of Accounting Bodies does not seek to have the IIA-UK affiliated to it to provide the best advice when matters of internal control and internal audit are being discussed. The Auditing Practices Board would also benefit from this practice.

Internal audit merited only a few lines in the Cadbury Report, but the subsequent draft guidance on internal control has generated much interest. The continuing debate shows how central the issue is to companies.

It is short-sighted that the IIA-UK is not invited to participate on corporate governance. This becomes even more apparent when one realises that none of the major institutes gives more than a passing glance to internal audit in their syllabus. With the proposed creation of one body for chartered accountants, even the present minimal level of internal audit training undertaken by accounting bodies could be lost as accountants might be produced in one mould, without an internal audit qualification.

With internal audit excluded from the merger plan, the IIA-UK would become the only professional body to offer an internal audit training and its members would be the only ones qualified to take on the role of chief internal auditor. Yet, still, the IIA-UK is excluded from the debate.

It is time that the other accountancy bodies recognised the role of the IIA-UK in the internal control debate. It is essential to the profession's future that comment and input is received from the specialists, with their experience of internal control and knowledge of the latest relevant issues.

It is also time that businesses woke up to the fact that with internal control increasingly playing a key role in the management of a company, it would be prudent to invest in a skilled internal control resource. The best place to look for this is the IIA-UK.

The IIA-UK must be allowed to take its place at the helm of the internal control debate. The outcome of the time invested in this discourse would be better guided and ultimately more productive — for management and shareholders alike.

The author is chairman of the Institute of Internal Auditors — UK (IIA-UK) Public Affairs Committee and chief internal auditor, Arjo Wiggins Appleton

Time for purgative against tax pains

ANYONE who believes that current arguments over taxation are new should see "Three Hundred Years of Stamp Duties and The Stamp Office", an exhibition running at Somerset House until the end of August.

A glance at the catalogue and exhibits shows that methods of taxation have always been on the bizarre side, calls for reform and simplification are not new, and that reforms have not deterred tax authorities from introducing further nonsensical schemes.

The exhibition also shows a sad decline in satirical and humorous opposition to the dafter and more unjust taxes. The poll tax of our era brought street-fighting. In 1815, when the tax on newspapers was raised to a punitive four pence, there were protests in the form of spurious and satirical stamps on "untaxed" newspapers. These showed the owner thumbing his nose at the Chancellor. The papers sold well — more than 500 vendors went to prison for selling one particular title. But the satire brought the case home. Ridicule is the most powerful weapon against government, and the newspapers were eventually ruled not to be illegal. The tax on newspapers had already been brought low by other protests. The newsprint had to be stamped, sheet by sheet, before the newspapers were printed. When the tax was extended to the colonies, the citizens of the eastern seaboard of America burnt the paper when it arrived, or dumped it overboard.



ROBERT BRUCE

The exhibition is a parade of tax folly. Its introduction says that "down the ages, the arms of the Exchequer have reached out towards the pockets of the citizens to take from them the money required to meet the cost of government". There is an early species of motorway tolls in the form of post horse tolls "collected by a complex series of tickets which the hirer had to have to pass the various turnpikes he encountered on his journey".

There were stamp duties on lottery tickets and a stamp duty on patent medicines and remedies. This caused enormous confusion. Most remedies were "purgatives of various ferocity", but the Government's tax sticker gave the impression that their content had some sort of government approval. Not wishing to be associated with doubtful patent medicines, the tax authorities then stuck further stickers on the bottles. Precursors of many a government effort to avoid responsibility, these read: "This stamp implies no government guarantee." Other stamp duties were levied on anything from hair powder to hats and perfume to playing cards. But the lessons are there to be learnt. A month ago, the Institute of Taxation put in its representations for the 1994 Budget. Among other things, these say that "our members' concerns with the tax system often centre upon the inconsistencies, illogicalities or unfairness of particular provisions. The administration of the tax system is hampered if no clear principle underlies the legislation, or if its inadequacies mean that it fails to translate an underlying principle into practical reality."

The introduction to the representations says that "there is a risk that the tax system will be reduced to chaos by the inability of people, including the Revenue, to cope". Contrast that with the exhibition catalogue's comments on the century preceding the Stamp Acts of 1891. "Over the previous hundred years, stamp duty legislation had become increasingly complex and confusing, even contradictory and obscure." Nothing, an observer might remark, really changes.

And they would be plunged into further despair by the realisation that 1891 heralded "reform, innovation and consolidation". A century later, we are back in the cycle of chaos and demands for reform. Or, as the Institute of Taxation puts it, "legislative indigestion". It must be time, I would have thought, for a purgative or two.

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
523	381	Abbey Nat	396	+8	...	4.9	13.3
314	234	Allied Irish	248	+4	...	5.1	9.5
276½	179½	Aus New Z	198	...	...	4.9	20.4
3300	2637½	Bankamerica	3137½	+25	...	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	271	+5	...	4.8	7.8
247	172½	Bank Scotland	192	+2	...	3.1	15.7
640	487	Barclays	560	+15	...	3.7	17.3
37	13½	Carlisle	29½	...	...	1.1	...
630½	449	Cater Allen	520	+3	...	6.7	...
180	130	Cattles	155	...	...	4.0	15.9
2628½	1543½	Chase Manh	2371½	+43½	...	...	...
2912½	2362½	Citicorp	2837½	+75	...	...	...
285½	209	Close Bros	243	+1	...	3.3	13.2
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£134½	-30¾	...	6.2	...
£349½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£289½	-9½	...	2.3	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	69	...	...	2.7	...
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1520	+20	...	0.6	...
515	395	Gerrard Nat	478	...	22.0	5.8	13.8
1113	660	HSBC	734	+17	...	4.2	10.5
1133	680	HSBC HR	754	+22	...	4.1	10.8
473	296	Hambros	315	+5	...	6.0	13.9
443	400	Joseph (L)	405	...	...	5.4	11.8
170	131	King Shaxson	131	...	...	8.6	12.9
640	421	Kleinwort Ben	513	+2	...	4.7	9.0
660	519	Lloyds	559	+17	...	5.1	11.0
118	95	Lon Scot Bk	113	...	...	3.0	17.2
620½	489½	Nat Aust Bk	528	-4	...	5.4	10.9
622	421	Nat West	479	+18	...	5.1	8.9
573	415	Provident	508	-5	...	3.9	16.2
79	53	Rea Bros	66	+3	...	1.8	16.9
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	404	+10	...	3.7	18.3
1460	1050	Schroders	1350	+12	...	1.5	12.4
399½	223	Stand Chart	262	+4	...	3.1	11.4
291	197	TSB	213	+8	...	4.7	10.8
199	108	Union	113	+5	...	5.0	10.3
1012	676	Warburg SG	754	+2	...	3.6	9.1
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	£104	+125	...	2.6	...
260	194	Westpac	217	+5	...	2.5	...
390	288	Wintrust	295	...	...	4.5	...

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied-Lyons	590	+7	...	4.6	14.6
619	485	Bass	576½	+1½	...	4.5	15.1
298	250	Boddington	281	+11	...	3.6	15.7
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	404	+15	...	3.3	23.3
196	168	Burtonwd Brw	182	...	...	3.4	15.2
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	150	...	...	3.0	20.8
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	53	-2	...	5.4	61.2
493	416	Fullr Sm 'A'	416	-3	...	2.3	17.2
506	375	Grand Met	445	+5	...	3.7	10.3
511	399	Greenalls Grp	450	+10	...	3.5	17.2
584	452	Greene King	499	+3	...	3.2	13.9
542	428	Guinness	469	+8	...	3.4	15.2
261	239	Hardy Hansm	259	+1	...	4.3	13.2
160	135	Heavitree	150	...	...	3.4	13.5
457	353	Highland Dstl	419	...	...	2.0	19.9
3620	3125	Holt J	3620	+20	...	1.7	20.4
180	127	Macallan-Glen	180	+5	...	0.8	49.7
628	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	628	...	...	1.9	25.8
246	195	Mansfield	232	...	...	2.4	...
302	256	Mrstn Thmp	291	+4	...	2.6	15.1
626	544	Matthew Clark	626	...	...	3.6	...
250	113	Mrrydwn W	122	-1	...	2.6	...
545	463	Morland	500	+2	...	2.5	16.7
10½	8½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.2	15.7
267	209	Regent Inns	244	...	...	2.0	24.8
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1257½	...	...	2.2	20.4
591	493	Scot & New	544	+8	...	3.9	16.2
190	142	Taunton Cider	174	...	...	4.7	13.3
306	229	Vaux Group	250	+9	...	4.8	16.1
403½	324½	Wetherspoon JD	389	...	...	1.9	25.7
617	494	Whitbread	575	+18	...	4.1	16.3
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	542	+1	...	3.0	15.2
180	148	Yates Bros	173	...	...	2.2	21.4
535	483	Young 'A'	503	...	...	3.7	19.3

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	160	...	...	1.6	...
27	13	Albrighton	13	-1	...	4.8	12.5
200	148	Allen	157	...	...	4.2	18.6
164	99	Amec	117	+1	...	3.2	56.3
454	333	Ashtead	412	...	...	1.7	...
165	109	Atwoods	115	+1	...	5.4	...
363	274	BPB Ind	330	+8	...	3.0	22.7
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	135	...	...	2.9	25.5
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	34	...	...	2.6	20.8
88	18½	Barcom	25	+2	...	8.8	3.0
60	38½	Bardon	43	+½	...	5.8	...
292	186	Barratt Devs	187	+1	...	3.3	20.1
169	139	Beazer Homes	147	-1	...	4.3	12.9
304	198	Bellway	214	...	...	3.6	20.1
59	42	Bellwinch	42	...	...	...	...
244	125	Berisford Intl	210	-2	...	...	...
573	391	Berkeley Gp	434	+2	...	2.1	17.6
215	114	Bett Bros	175	...	...	2.0	8.7
93	60	Blockleys	72	...	...	1.7	...
391	262	Blue Circle	311	-1	...	4.5	26.2
355	277	Boot (Henry)	280	-5	...	2.8	14.7
80	35	Brandon Hire	80	...	...	2.4	...
117	77	Breedon PLC	89	+2	...	6.5	25.5
154	130	Br Dredging	146	...	...	4.8	18.7
98	78	Brit Fittings	87	...	2.0	2.9	...
197½	140	Bryant	147	...	...	4.1	22.4
145½	111½	CALA	123	...	...	2.6	...
409	321	CRH	373	-1	...	2.6	18.9
70	31	Cakebread Rby	43	...	...	...	...
42	24	Costain	29	...	...	...	...
185	143	Countryside	151	-1	...	3.4	33.5
120	85	Crest Nicholson	68½	+½	...	2.3	16.4
140	100	Cussins	121	+3	...	3.1	14.6
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	25	...	...	1.5	...
380	273	Epwin	325	+10	...	3.1	19.1
82	57	Erith	70	...	...	1.8	39.4
473	353	Eve Group	353	-2	...	3.9	...
60	36½	Galliford	36½	...	...	3.4	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	94	+2	2.5	3.3	...
1028	863	Gleeson (MJ)	863	...	...	1.8	15.1
218	182	Graham Grp	193	...	...	3.0	18.4
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	160	...	...	2.3	23.6
82	46	Hewetson	75	...	...	2.1	...
473	334	Heywd Wlm	368	...	...	4.4	24.5
144	96	Higgs & Hill	94	...	...	3.3	...
41	27	How Gp	38	...	...	2.5	...
32	20	Howard Hldgs	26	...	...	3.8	...
100½	67	Ibstock	72½	...	...	1.6	...
25	6	Jarvis	9½	...	...	...	...
138	104	Kelier	130	...	...	3.6	15.1
428	261	Laing (J)	300	...	...	3.8	21.4
164	104	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	118	...	...	6.8	...
145	115	Ln Clydesdale	127	...	...	4.7	17.6
173	78	Lovell (YJ)	78	...	...	...	...
405	332	Manders	358	+10	...	3.5	18.9
213½	138½	Marley	160	-3	...	3.3	26.2
155	126	Marshalls	139	...	...	3.8	17.0
253	196	Maunders (J)	245	...	...	2.7	22.6
321	194	McAlpine (A)	205	...	...	4.0	30.1
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	63	+3	...	1.0	...
569	384	Meyer Int	425	-10	...	3.2	17.9
185½	94	Mowlem (J)	97	...	...	2.6	...
202½	90	NSM	108	...	...	...	12.4
196	146	Newman Tnks	175	...	...	4.4	23.5
379½	229	Persimmon	249	...	...	4.5	22.3
20	9	Phoenix Timber	13	...	...	...	...
1800	1450	Pochins	1550	...	29.0	2.4	22.0
198	131	Prowting	132	...	...	3.2	40.6
1029	805	RMC Gp	967	+6	...	2.7	27.3
116	68	Raine Ind	70	+1	...	3.6	15.2
40	23	Ransom	25	...	...	...	...
640	466	Redland	528	+1	...	5.9	27.7
108	81	Roskel	95	...	4.3	5.7	...
185½	125	Rugby Group	150	+1	...	2.8	20.3
61	53	Secure Retire	55	...	...	...	...
84	50	Swfld-Rves	64	...	0.5	1.0	...
195	155	Sharpe & Fisher	190	...	...	2.8	20.8
286	222	Sheffield Insl	268	+6	...	2.5	21.5
342	223	Sheriff Hldgs	341	...	...	1.6	22.7
157	94	Shurco	151	...	5.2	4.3	27.3
245	195	Smart (J)	220	+5	...	4.8	19.0
5	1½	Starmin	1½	...	...	...	...
226	135	Tarmac	149½	+½	...	4.6	...
257	154	Tay Homes	179	+9	...	4.2	19.2
183	121	Taylor Woodrw	138	+2	...	1.4	33.7
760	598	Tilbury Dougls	599	...	...	6.9	62.9
60	36	Torex Hire	56	...	...	2.0	29.2
370	224	Travis Perkins	318	...	...	3.1	25.7
29½	16	Trencherwood	18	-1	...	...	...
40½	23	Try Group	28	-2	...	2.2	...
28	21	Tudor	25	...	...	1.2	...
113	90	Vibroplant	103	...	...	4.5	...
170	127½	Wainhomes	142	-1	...	3.7	15.3
74	50	Ward Hldgs	72	...	...	0.9	...
63	33	Waterhouse	55	-1	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	518	+3	...	2.9	22.3
229½	154	Westbury	162	...	...	4.1	18.1
7	3	Wiggins	6	...	...	...	...
577	397	Wilson Bowdn	400	-2	...	2.9	15.1
259	185	Wilson (C)	210	-2	...	2.5	20.5
249	151	Wimpey G	155	...	...	4.2	23.2
30	16	YRM	24	+1	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	690	+22	...	...	...
448	253	Adam & Harvey	448	+8	...	4.1	...
83	58	Air London	63	...	...	6.9	13.8
62	44	African Lakes	57	...	...	1.2	...
140	92½	Auto Sec	95	+1	...	...	12.3
162	101½	BET Ord	123	+2	...	3.3	20.5
195	115	BNB Res	175	+2	...	3.5	20.4
255	175	BPP	225	...	...	5.0	16.2
186	151	BSM	152	...	...	4.8	12.9
235	196	Barbour Index	205	...	...	5.4	...
1½	1	Black & Edge	1½	...	...	...	...
226	161	Brit Data Mgt	170	-1	4.9	3.6	12.4
31	22	Broadcastle	27	...	...	4.6	12.9
79	58	Brooks Service	69	...	...	2.7	...
117½	95½	CRT Gp	96	...	...	4.3	...
238	158	Capita Group	163	...	...	2.1	20.8
90	30	Caskel Plc	34½	...	...	4.0	11.7
26½	7½	Chiltern Capital	26½	...	...	...	...
85	56	Christie	61	...	...	...	...
423	292	Chubb Sec	340	+3	...	2.3	20.9
61	41	Corp Services	58	...	...	0.5	21.8
97	81	Couns Cnslng	89	...	...	...	...
179	140	Dart	152	...	...	3.0	16.2
276	212	Davis Service	235	+1	...	4.2	16.6
154	119	EW Facts	121	...	...	4.9	9.1
34	18½	Gardiner	18½	...	...	5.1	8.8
334	261	Hays	303	...	...	2.3	23.4
289	220	Hogg Robinsn	248	...	...	3.6	17.3
39	16	Holmes Protectn	29	...	...	...	1.7
365½	240	Hunch Whamp	308½	+5½	...	1.9	21.6
2976½	1993½	ISS B DKr	1997½	-275	...	5.3	2.1
609	431	Inchcape	492	+9	...	3.8	15.7
166	156	JBA Hldgs	156	...	...	1.9	15.9
414	284	Johnson Clean	284	...	...	4.8	11.4
8	4	Lep	4½	...	...	...	...
375	293	Mite Gp	338	...	...	1.7	...
1606½	1159½	Manpower	1584½	...	...	0.8	...
97	65	Michael Page	87	+1	...	3.0	21.4
132	90	Parity	110	...	...	1.7	28.3
115	85	Pennsa	85	...	...	5.9	...
89½	60½	Proudfoot	67	...	...	6.5	16.6
415	310	RCO	310	...	...	6.2	10.6
123	97	REA	120	...	...	6.2	45.8
150	104	Reed Executive	150	+1	1.0	0.8	...
131	105	Reliance Sec	130	+2	...	4.6	...
270	166½	Rentokil	238½	+½	...	1.5	24.6
188	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	188	...	...	2.7	29.2
392	243	Salvesen (C)	279½	+½	...	3.6	14.0
61	43	Scott Pickford	56	...	...	2.0	...
17½	9	Select App	13	...	...	...	...
307	243	Serco Gp	254	...	...	1.5	25.9
130	75	Sherwd Cmpe	125	-4	...	1.8	...
170	100	Sketchley	103	...	...	3.9	16.1
338	325	Warner Howrd	330	...	...	2.8	15.2
30½	20½	Wills Gp	21	...	...	2.5	14.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
152	115½	Allied Colloids	151½	...	...	1.9	26.3
1141	910	Amersham	1029	+8	...	1.9	21.6
3½	2½	Anglo Utd	2½	...	...	...	...
£137½	£106½	BASF DM	£136½	-178½	...	7.0	...
373	287	BTP	319	+4	...	3.9	20.2
£159½	£129½	Bayer DM50	£155½	+234½	...	5.9	...
171	97	Blagden	125	...	...	1.5	58.5
151	98	Brent Chems	126	...	...	4.0	...
460	341½	Brit Biotech	389	...	...	...	...
13	5½	Chard Gp	7½	...	...	...	20.6
199	153	Canning (W)	196	...	...	4.6	33.2
580	462	Courtaulds	547	+8	...	3.4	44.1
384	322	Croda	382	...	...	2.7	19.5
133	95	Doeflex	95	...	...	6.1	10.8
282	225	Eln & Everard	275	+1	...	3.5	...
58	35½	Euro Colour	54	+½	...	2.6	20.0
365	337	Halstead (J)	365	+3	...	2.3	17.1
223	160	Hickson	177	+3	...	5.7	15.6
£153½	£108½	Hoechst	£149½	+256½	...	5.0	...
250	157½	Holliday Chem	238	...	...	2.3	19.5
886	728	ICI	828	+7	...	4.2	66.9
843	704	Laporte	805	-5	...	3.2	21.8
268	190	Leigh	224	...	...	4.4	20.5
79	45	MTM	79	+1	...	...	...
2490½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2403½	-12½	...	1.4	...
625	461	Paterson Zoch	498	...	...	3.2	13.1
595	416	-do- 'A'	482	...	...	3.3	12.7
250	188	Plysu	189	...	...	4.6	27.0

(chemicals continued)

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
349	265	Porvair	310	...	...	1.7	21.3
66	44	Smiclife Speak	48	...	...	1.3	28.2
490	361	Wardle Storeys	390	...	...	5.5	20.4
739	570	Wlsnhlme R	738	...	...	3.0	18.4
483	380	Yorks Chem	434	+3	...	2.4	18.7
335	258	Yule Catto	326	...	...	2.4	24.5
869	672	Zeneca	847	+20	...	4.1	16.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	203	Alldes	232	-1	...	3.3	17.3
410	330	Argos Plc	363	+1	...	2.6	19.0
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	74	...	...	0.2	...
357	300	Asprey	314	...	...	2.4	15.5
231	176	Austin Reed	230	...	...	3.0	12.9
168	139	Beattie (J) 'A'	140	...	...	5.5	15.1
150	110	Bentalls	125	+1	...	2.0	47.1
185	73	Betterware	83	...	...	3.9	9.0
48	36	Blacks Leis	45	...	...	6.5	...
264	214	Body Shop	242	-1	...	1.0	32.7
601	504	Boots	539	+2	...	3.5	21.3
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	3½	...	...	...	...
245½	210	Brown (N)	244	+1½	...	2.0	23.4
74½	51	Buxton	61	+½	...	4.1	...
245	180	Cantors	192	...	...	2.6	26.7
520	388	Church	480	...	...	3.4	22.7
171	96	Clinton Cards	97	...	...	6.1	8.4
287	200	Coats Viyella	228½	+3½	...	4.4	20.0
170	145	C'try Casuals	145	...	...	3.7	14.8
903	740	Courts Furnish	771	...	...	1.0	39.0
210	155	Crown Eyes	170	...	...	7.0	...
137	83½	Dairy Farm Intl	97½	-1½	...	3.8	13.3
139½	97½	Dewhirst (I)	134½	+1	...	1.3	24.4
287	170	Dixons Grp	208	+8	...	4.0	26.8
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	7½	+½	...	3.1	...
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	17.0	3.7	...
284	191	Essex Furn	192	...	...	2.5	30.2
307	217	Etam	307	+3	...	3.1	21.8
558	494	Fine Art Dev	504	...	14.3	3.5	15.6
50	46	Flood Earth	48	...	...	...	...
725	680	Forminster	723	...	...	2.8	...
202	124	French Conn	202	+3	...	...	11.4
73	48	Gent SR	63	...	...	4.5	19.6
116	85	Goldsmiths Gp	114	+2	...	1.2	20.1
653	549½	GUS	573	+7	...	2.9	16.6
196	164	Hamleys	185	...	...	3.2	17.8
31	21	Hampden Grp	23	...	...	5.4	...
70½	13½	Hartstone	16	...	...	2.5	...
91	64	Honeysuckle	65	-3	...	4.8	9.5
218	178	Hse of Fraser	217½	+1½	...	2.9	19.6
211	173	Jacques Vert	186	...	...	3.1	16.1
778	497	Kingfisher	540	+10	...	3.4	13.2
88	61	Lesbe Wise Gp	68	...	...	7.4	14.3
435	350	Liberty	398	...	...	1.5	48.8
380	277	Lloyds Chem	312	...	...	3.2	10.3
184	137	MFI	149	-1½	...	3.4	18.9
480½	380	Marks Spencer	432½	+3	...	2.7	20.1
680	554	Menzies (John)	587	+4	...	2.5	14.2
343	238	Moss Bros	326	...	...	2.7	15.9
269	214	Next	268	+4	...	2.6	19.9
72	39	Oliver (G)	72	+½	...	...	77.5
335½	255	Oriflame Intl	279	+5	...	4.8	...
37	22½	Pentos	22½	-1	...	...	...
268	169	QS Hldgs	170	...	...	3.8	20.0
62	25	Rhino Grp	31	...	...	2.0	11.2
203	157	Rosebys	157	-2	...	3.6	17.6
180	113	Sherwood Gp	116	-1	...	3.1	11.5
132	110	Sears	119	-3	...	3.9	20.2
46	27½	Signet Group	30	...	...	...	15.2
549	450	Smith WH	487	+4	...	3.8	15.7
21	11	Specialeyes	12	...	...	...	...
252	205	Storehouse	221	+1	...	3.1	19.7
198	146	T & S Stores	194	+1	...	3.9	14.4
173	124	Tie Rack	142	...	...	1.5	16.0
265	215	Time Products	238	...	...	4.5	18.4
132	106	Usher (Frankl)	105	-1	8.0	7.1	11.4
507	384	Vendome	507	+7	...	1.4	...
44	34	Vival	38	...	...	4.1	9.9
70	34	WEW Group	36	...	...	2.1	26.5
81	42	Wensum	81	...	...	3.1	28.6
129	91	Wickes	91	...	...	1.7	21.0
97	54	Wld of Leather	89	-3	...	...	...
195	138	Wyevale	146	+3	...	3.8	15.5

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	109	ACT Group	126	+1	...	5.2	11.8
296	248	Acal	276	...	...	3.1	17.3
645	478	Admiral	645	...	...	1.3	19.7
193	163	Alba	193	...	...	3.3	15.6
43	34	Alphameric	40	...	...	...	30.5
50	26	Amstrad	33	...	...	1.9	...
109	73	App Holo	109	+1	...	...	...
39	24	Arlen	30	...	...	...	...
94½	78	Astec	90½	...	...	1.0	22.5
281	198	Aztm	188	...	...	2.0	...
283	239	Beales Hunter	280	...	...	4.6	...
478	378	BICC	416	+4	...	5.9	30.0
535	411	Brick	437	+2	...	3.0	17.5
1100	637½	Borland	875	...	...	...	...
380	309½	Bowthorpe	335	+10	...	2.6	18.7
486	353½	BT	380	+4	...	5.5	13.2
367	236½	BT P/P	260½	+4½	...	5.5	13.3
20	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19½	+½	...	1.6	14.0
79	55	Burndlold	70	...	...	4.5	54.4
543	394	Cable Wireless	448	+10	...	2.5	19.0
39½	24	Chloride	30	...	...	...	...
283	263	CML Micro	268	...	...	2.8	...
182	105	Compr People	180	+3	...	1.0	41.0
202	154	Cray Elect	186	...	...	1.5	...
467	412	Critchley	463	-1	...	2.2	20.7
586	473	Delta	529	+3	...	3.4	23.5
663	446	Denmans El	582	-3	...	1.4	16.2
560	400	Domino	559	...	...	1.9	24.0
78	68	Dowding Mills	75	...	...	4.2	25.2
1635	1220	Druck	1493	+8	...	0.9	...
589	403	Electrocompnts	500	+2	...	2.4	21.9
199½	135	El Data Prc	138	...	...	1.7	12.8
175	133	Electron House	161	...	...	2.5	...
35½	21	Emess	35½	...	...	0.4	...
451	343	Eurotherm	383	-3	...	1.6	22.7
212	162½	FKI	180	-2	...	2.6	21.9
656	512	Farnell Elect	538	+4	...	1.7	22.1
339	296	Fine Tech	339	...	...	1.3	...
283	200	Forward Gp	215	...	...	2.9	12.9
50	14½	Forward Tech	49½	...	...	...	...
353½	269½	GEC	300	+8	...	4.5	15.1
191	119	Graseby	149	...	...	5.5	13.8
14½	10	Graystone	14	...	...	0.9	...
193	126	Ind Control	134	...	...	4.3	12.0
388	268	Jones Stroud	315	...	...	3.6	...
145	99	Kalamazoo	142	...	...	2.9	...
16	9	Kenbrey	16	...	0.1	1.2	...
396	335	Kenwood App	371	...	...	3.0	17.8
296	221	Kewill Sys	269	-1	...	2.3	...
165	75	Kode	75	...	...	10.0	18.7
35	19	Laser-Scan	22	...	...	...	...
143½	68	LBatS	94	+2	...	...	...
355	255	Lec Refrig	355	...	...	3.2	...
171	107	Life Sciences	142	+3	...	3.4	14.9
314	266	Logica	286	-1	...	1.8	33.0
52	45	LPA Ind	48	...	...	4.3	...
216	135	MS Data Mngmt	140	+1	...	4.9	15.6
723	553	Macro 4	553	...	...	4.4	16.6
281	210	Memec-Swe	242	...	...	2.1	...
1330	795	Micro Focus	800	+17	...	...	8.5
178	126	Microgen	130	...	...	7.0	13.0
45	31	Microvitec	41½	...	...	...	...
548½	432	Misys	434	...	...	2.3	...
494	185	Mitel	275	...	...	...	...
188	143	MMT Comp	177	...	...	3.0	18.1
315	250	MTL Inst	310	...	...	1.7	20.0
148	114	Murray Ent	126	+2	...	2.0	...
2746½	2300	NYNEX	2523	-46½	...	...	...
128	78	Neotronics	78	...	...	4.2	16.9
56	53	Newmark (L)	56	...	...	...	...
415	279	Norbain	410	...	...	0.7	...
90	47	Northamber	90	+1	...	1.1	...
9½	4½	Oceonics	6	...	...	...	...
31	24	Orbis	26	...	0.5	2.5	...
358	277	Oxford Inst	304	+2	...	2.0	17.9
84	60	P & P	71	+3	...	3.9	17.6
98	74½	Peek	78	...	...	4.9	22.5
235	175	Pegasus	178	...	...	3.5	19.6
£105	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£105	...	...	5.5	...
2165½	1400	-do- Lmp DV	2165½	+3½	...	0.9	9.7
440	286	Phonelink	295	-9	...	...	...
359	293	Plico	359	+1	...	1.6	...
344	283	-do- 'A' Voting	343	...	...	1.7	...
123	70	Plasmec	121	...	...	3.1	...
129	100	Pressac	128	+1	...	2.5	26.2
303	181	Psion	256	-3	...	1.4	28.0
258	187	Racal Elect	236	-4	...	2.2	19.4
50	33	Radamec	46	...	...	4.6	13.9
41	27	Radius	39	...	...	1.3	...
166	73	Real Time	153	...	...	3.4	...
311	229	Rotoboro	259	...	...	0.9	18.9
610	507	Sage Gp	583	...	...	2.2	15.7
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	84	...	...	4.2	...
80	19	Seamtronic	20	...	...	5.3	...
256	162	Scholes Grp	256	...	...	0.8	...
428	310	Sema Gp	424	...	...	0.9	25.6
270	245	Servomex	245	...	...	3.3	27.5
49	37	Silvermines	37	...	...	1.8	22.0
94	63	Soundtracks	68	...	...	4.4	15.4
3225	2369½	TDK	2896½	+18½	...	1.1	...
19	11	TDS Circuits	14½	...	...	...	...
170	83	Telemetrix	88	...	...	1.4	11.2
295	191	Telspec	284	+1	...	1.1	34.3
1165	979	THORN EMI	1036	+6	...	4.1	21.1
207	133	Thorpe FW	207	+7	...	1.2	16.5
43	22	Total Systems	25	...	...	7.5	...
303	215	Tunstall	249	...	...	1.8	17.8
363	256	Unitech	360	...	...	2.3	...
16	8½	Verity	11½	...	...	...	...
31	21½	Vistec	23½	...	...	2.1	12.8
212	157½	Vodafone	195	+9½	...	1.8	25.5
483	395	Volex	418	...	...	5.4	18.3
31	20	Western Selecn	26	...	0.2	1.2	...
335	260	Wholesale Ftgs	274	...	11.7	5.5	...

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
728	537	East Midlands	700	+19	...	4.1	33.2
778	566	Eastern Elect	772	+12	...	3.7	16.9
477	322	Hydro-Elect	375	+11	...	4.2	11.9
733½	534	London Elect	675	+13	...	4.2	10.3
850	635	Manweb	776	+20	...	3.9	9.3
769	547	Midlands Elec	758	+8	...	3.8	11.6
505	404½	National Powr	501½	+18½	...	3.1	12.4
801	580	Northern Elec	742	+20	...	4.2	9.3
421	329	Nthn Ireland	367	+2	...	3.9	10.0
806	587	Norweb	766	+21	...	3.8	10.1
582	440	PowerGen	581	+24	...	2.7	12.8
486	337½	Scottish Power	398	+12	...	3.9	12.6
435	299	Seeboard	410	+8	...	3.6	10.8
825	591	Sth Wales	745	+11	...	4.3	10.1
744	551	Sth Western	727	+21	...	4.0	9.7
755	540	Southern Elec	723	+6	...	3.9	11.3
729½	532	Yorkshire Elec	677	+14	...	4.3	13.2

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51	...	1.0	2.5	10.8
165	99	BWD	110	...	...	4.8	9.0
118	96	Baillie Plc	116	...	...	1.6	12.9
215	163	Blotec Inv	168	+1	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	735	...	...	2.8	18.2
2600	1900	Camellia	2500	...	...	1.6	6.7
363	310	Candover	325	+4	...	4.2	...
465	367	Goven	388	+2	...	4.9	6.2
250	185	Ivory Sime	230	+1	...	4.1	17.9
428	175	Johnson Fry	199	...	1.5	8.9	...
245	143	Lon Forfaiting	147	...	...	7.9	9.2
57	44	Manakin	49	...	...	...	...

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
25½	6½	Nat Home Loan	17½	...	...	...	0.4
58	53	Newmarket	59	...	...	...	...
365	247	Rathbone Br	332	-2	...	3.4	14.3
29	21½	Rutland Tst	26½	+1	...	4.1	13.4
369½	241½	S & U	370	...	...	3.9	11.0
114	62	Sineer & Friedl	86	...	...	4.3	11.3
1260	748	Sotheby's	830	...	...	3.4	35.8
186	131	SJP Capital	155	...	...	2.4	9.6
224	174½	Towry Law	176	...	...	3.3	17.3
2015½	1628½	Amer Express	1793½	...	...	...	...
154	131	Brewin Dolphin	151	...	...	4.8	11.2
229	157	Gartmore	179	+½	...	2.6	20.7
1208	845	Henderson Ad	925	...	...	5.9	14.7
251½	152	Investco	186	...	...	2.4	30.5
317	214½	Jardine Strat	256½	+4½	...	3.2	10.5
323	247	MAI	286	+1½	...	3.0	15.6
117½	95½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	108½	+½	...	...	...
720	538	MAM	626	+1	...	4.5	14.6
1243	794	M & G	1008	...	...	3.5	21.1
496	342	Smith New Crt	403	+5	...	3.1	3.6
65	25	Trio Hldgs	27	...	...	6.9	12.3

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	538	+1	...	3.2	11.5
66	50½	ASDA Group	63	...	...	3.5	15.3
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	305	...	...	3.5	12.2
74	44	Albert Fisher	49	-2	...	9.6	10.0
306½	222½	Argyll	278	+5	...	5.2	12.2
270	230	Banks (S C)	265	...	...	4.7	...
370	305	Barr (AG)	320	+13	...	2.1	23.9
72	56	Bensons Crisps	58	...	...	6.1	19.2
481	378	Booker	425	-3	...	6.2	15.5
56½	48	Borthwick	53½	...	...	5.0	22.9
505	424	Brake Bros	424	...	...	2.0	15.7
43	24	Budgen	29	...	...	4.3	...
178	156	CPL Aromas	175	...	...	2.1	16.7
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	475	+7	...	3.8	16.1
232	143	Carrs Milling	187	...	...	3.0	...
167	130	Cranswick	165	...	...	6.3	13.6
17	11½	Cullens	14½	...	...	...	...
154	93	Dalepak	117	...	...	1.6	...
543	389	Dalgety	462	+5	...	5.6	17.5
87	50	Daniels S	57	...	...	0.7	...
284	219	Devro	249	-1	...	3.1	16.8
101	60	Everest	65	...	...	7.1	12.4
394	348	Farepak	350	...	...	2.4	...
9½	6	Farmgford	6	...	...	...	...
85	68	Finlay (James)	76	...	...	6.8	14.2
105	87	Fyffes	102	...	...	1.7	17.5
371	193	Geest	227	-2	8.1	4.5	...
30½	14	Globala	16	...	...	3.9	14.6
68	38	Grand Central	39	...	...	...	...
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	137	...	...	6.1	8.3
196½	151	Hillsdown	178	+1	...	6.2	14.2
28	16	Hobson	21½	...	...	...	...
211	133	Iceland Group	152	+3	...	3.1	9.7
111	93	JLI Group	98	...	...	6.1	13.6
656	523	Kwik Save	601	-4	...	3.9	10.5
362	138	Low (Wm)	362	...	...	2.9	12.0
124	85	Matthews (B)	119	-1	...	2.6	19.0
18	10½	Merchant Retail	11½	...	...	2.2	...
141	99	Morrison (W)	137	+4	...	0.9	16.0
246	208	Nichols (JN)	237	+2	...	3.1	15.1
271½	192	Nthn Foods	227	+7	...	4.8	11.1
14	9	Nthmbrn Fns	12	...	...	...	...
232	180	Nurdin Peack	190	...	...	4.3	10.5
131	89½	Park Foods	126	...	...	2.4	...
81	62	Perkins Food	77	...	...	7.2	12.9
141	109	PizzaExpress	128	...	...	0.5	27.1
5½	2½	Regina Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	439	+10	...	3.0	15.5
96	73	Sentry Farm	83	+2	...	3.4	8.4
122	71	Sims Food	89	+1	...	10.5	...
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	443	-3	...	3.8	11.0
254	200½	Tesco	246½	+2½	...	3.9	12.8
198	162	Thorntons	183	...	...	2.6	...
238	145	Treats	209	+1	...	2.5	16.9
434½	346	Unigate	384	+1	...	5.6	10.9
388	302	Utd Biscuits	344	-1	...	5.6	14.6
21	8	Usborne	8½	...	...	4.9	6.3
422	279	Watson & Phil	356	...	...	5.1	14.4
49	34	West Trust	38	...	...	6.8	25.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	26	Abrdn Stk H	34	...	...	...	...
94	76	City Centre Rest	79½	-1	...	2.8	17.4
285	209½	Forte	239	...	...	3.9	37.2
207	169	Friendly Hotels	165	...	...	3.9	32.2
168½	142½	Jurys Hotel	146	+2½	...	4.8	...
217½	153	Ladbroke	172	-2	...	4.4	25.3
109½	78½	Mandarin Ornl	87½	+2½	...	3.7	22.5
31	18½	Ryan Hotels K	27	+½	...	4.8	15.4
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	953	...	...	0.5	...
92	60½	Stakis	68	...	...	1.7	31.7

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	36	AAF Inds	43	-1	...	...	...
544	413	AAH	422	+7	...	5.3	15.0
185	119	AIM	136	...	...	4.1	36.3
138	108	APV	113	...	...	6.0	...
220	157	ASW	214	+2	...	3.5	...
202	158	Adwest	183½	+1½	...	5.0	19.7
20½	14	Aerospace Eng	17	...	...	5.5	...
312	223	Airsprung	231	...	...	2.6	...
230	192	Alendra W	220	...	...	3.2	27.4
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330	283	Alumasc	320	...	...	2.4	17.8
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760	705	Amber Ind	760	...	...	3.3	15.8
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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
103³⁄₁₆	100⅛	Treas 9% 1994	100⅛	...	8.92	5.42
107¹⁄₁₆	102⅝	Treas 12% 1995	102⅝	...	11.69	5.63
98⅛	97½	Gas 3% 1990-95	98⅛	...	3.05	5.38
107⁵⁄₁₆	103⅛	Exch 10¼% 1995	103⁹⁄₁₆	...	9.91	6.38
113½	106⅞	Treas 12¾% 1995	106⅞	...	11.92	6.75
117⅛	109⅛	Treas 14% 1996	109⅛	...	12.80	6.95
121⁵⁄₁₆	112½	Treas 15¼% 1996	112⅝	...	13.53	7.20
117⅛	109⅛	Exch 13¼% 1996	109⅝	...	12.08	7.25
112⅛	104⅛	Conv 10% 1996	104⅝	...	9.54	7.57
121⅝	111⅛	Treas 13¼% 1997	111⅛	...	11.83	7.74
114½	105⅛	Exch 10½% 1997	106	...	9.91	7.84
110⅝	101⅞	Treas 8¾% 1997	101⅞	...	8.59	8.04
131⅝	118⅛	Exch 15% 1997	118⅝	...	12.62	8.15
114⅛	104⅛	Exch 9¾% 1998	104⅛	...	9.36	8.25
106½	96⅛	Treas 7¼% 1998	97	...	7.47	8.22
102	94⅛	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95⅛	...	7.08	8.23
131⅛	116⅛	Treas 14% 1998-01	117⅛	...	11.92	8.46
140⅛	124⅛	Treas 15½% 1998	124½	...	12.44	8.32
125⅛	111½	Exch 12% 1998	112⅛	...	10.68	8.48
116½	103⅝	Treas 9½% 1999	103⅞	...	9.15	8.43

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101⅛	90⅛	Treas 6% 1999	90⅛	...	6.61	8.31
128⅛	113⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	113⅛	...	10.75	8.59
121⅛	106⅛	Treas 10½% 1999	107	...	9.74	8.52
121⅛	105⅛	Conv 10¼% 1999	106	...	9.59	8.40
116⅛	101⅛	Conv 9% 2000	102⅛	...	8.82	8.54
136⅛	119⅛	Treas 13% 2000	119½	...	10.89	8.77
106⅛	90⅛	Treas 7% 2001	91⅛	...	7.62	8.54
122⅛	104⅛	Treas 10% 2001	105⅛	...	9.41	8.72
122⅛	103⅛	Treas 9¾% 2002	105⅛	...	9.22	8.75
113⅛	94⅛	Treas 8% 2003	96⅛	...	8.33	8.65
127⅛	105⅛	Treas 10% 2003	107⅛	...	9.29	8.76
139⅛	110½	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	112⅛	...	10.30	9.93
86⅛	71⅛	Fund 3½% 1999-04	77⅛	...	4.79	7.42
105½	85⅛	Treas 6¾% 2004	87½	...	7.66	8.55
125⅛	103	Conv 9½% 2004	105⅛	...	9.03	8.72
125½	103½	Conv 9½% 2005	105⅛	...	8.96	8.67
143⅛	119⅛	Treas 12½% 2003-05	121⅛	...	10.29	9.03
115½	93⅛	Treas 8% 2002-06	95⅛	...	8.40	8.64
112⅛	91½	Treas 7¾% 2006	93½	...	8.27	8.60
136⅛	113⅛	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115⅛	...	10.11	9.02
119⅛	96⅛	Treas 8½% 2007	99⅛	...	8.56	8.54
151⅛	125½	Treas 13½% 2004-08	129⅛	...	10.44	9.02
124⅛	101	Treas 9% 2008	103⅛	...	8.70	8.57

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115⅛	93	Treas 8% 2009	95⅛	...	8.39	8.57
126⅛	101⅛	Conv 9% 2011	104⅛	...	8.65	8.54
127⅛	101⅛	Treas 9% 2012	104⅛	...	8.63	8.52
93⅛	72⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74⅛	...	7.38	8.20
114⅛	91⅛	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	93⅛	...	8.29	8.45
117⅛	92⅛	Treas 8% 2013	95⅛	...	8.37	8.46
150⅛	127⅛	Exch 12% 2013-17	130⅛	...	9.17	9.08
125⅛	99⅛	Treas 8¾% 2017	102⅛	...	8.50	8.45

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54⅛	39⅛	War Ln 3½%	41⅛	...	8.48	...
37⅛	27⅛	Treas 2½%	29⅛	...	8.46	...

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203⅛	197⅛	Treas IL 2% 1996	199⅛	...	2.92	4.07
112⅛	106⅛	Treas IL 4⅜% 1998	107⅛	...	2.93	3.65
176⅛	163⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165⅛	...	3.44	3.62
173⅛	159⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161⅛	...	3.54	3.64
118⅛	107⅛	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	109⅛	...	3.53	3.62
164⅛	165⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	169⅛	...	3.56	3.80
166⅛	149⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152⅛	...	3.63	3.73
175⅛	154⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157⅛	...	3.66	3.84
146⅛	126⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2013	129⅛	...	3.67	3.83
157⅛	134⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138⅛	...	3.64	3.85
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129⅛	106⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110⅛	...	3.70	3.80
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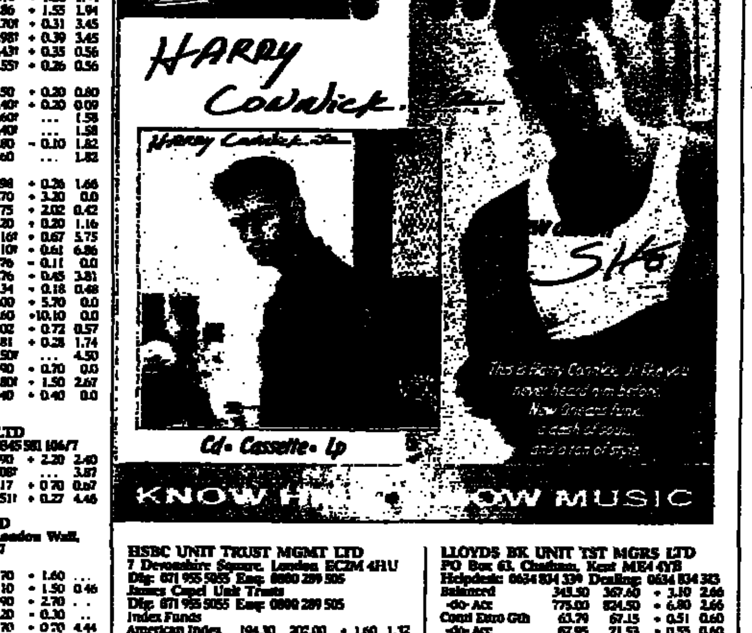
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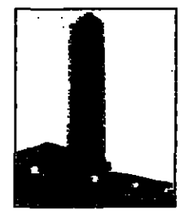
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A bad night for the reputation of the Berliner Ensemble, says Benedict Nightingale

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Will a move to Bankside expose shortcomings in the Tate's early 20th-century collection?



CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** laps up the computer wizardry that makes Jim Carrey the real-life cartoon hero of *The Mask*

A case of laughter and love at first byte

Time was when only animated characters were steamrollered flat, split in two, rolled up like a carpet, had detachable organs and limbs that could be stretched like chewing gum. All this wizardry was locked up in the artist's brush and ink, to be unleashed upon the mice, cats, rabbits, wolves and dogs that scampered through Hollywood's craziest cartoons.

But no longer. Look at Jim Carrey, a flesh-and-blood actor, in **The Mask**. He whirls himself into a blur. His legs wrap round his body. Once his eyes spot a night-club's sexy singer, his heart leaps several feet from his chest and his jaw crashes to the floor. When the villains get to work, he is bounced off walls, pierced by bullets. Within a few seconds, however, he is whole again.

Computer-generated image distortion is a wonderful thing. *Terminator 2* showed how the "morphing" technique could be used in a futuristic thriller. But no film before *The Mask* has so successfully exploited the technology's comic potential. Suddenly, the six-year-old *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* looks old-fashioned. Why laboriously mix animation and live action when the two media can be fused with a few keystrokes?

Carrey, Hollywood's hottest new star since he made *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*, makes matters easier by resembling a cartoon creation anyway. His face rarely sits in repose: his mouth puckers into a new shape every second, while his eyes dart in, out and around his forehead.

To make matters merrier, the film gives Carrey a brand new face to pull. It all starts when this mild, downtrodden bank officer retrieves a wooden mask from the polluted river that snakes through Edge City. Once the contraption is tried on for size, drab Stanley Ipkiss becomes a new personality, the Mask, who careens across the screen in garish, multi-coloured clothes and with a sculpted green skull of a face. The chin juts; the horse teeth gleam; the mouth spews out grins and wisecracks. Even Dr Jekyll's phials never produced a transformation like this.

Mike Werb's amusing script pits Ipkiss against the gangsters who reign at the Coco Bongo nightclub, where the new light of his life, played by supermodel Cameron Diaz, serves as moll and chanteuse. The outcome is always predictable, although the plot serves as a strong hook for the off-the-wall japes gaily arranged by director Charles Russell (usually found directing horror pictures under the name of Chuck). If Peter Greene never quite lifts off as the chief villain, there is strong support from Max, a wonderful trained dog, and Peter Riegert as a local cop trying to solve the crime spree in the town.

The focus, however, never strays far from Carrey. He still seems less a human being than a coldly brilliant ventriloquist and contortionist; but the film offers a far better showcase than *Ace Ventura*. *The Mask*, from the lively New Line company, is smart, fast, packed with imagination, and should give young audiences the summer fun that the major studios have failed to provide.

So you thought Alex Cox's only function in life was to be the scarecrow figure with the Liverpool vowels who introduces the cult films for BBC2's *Moviedrome*? A pardonable mistake: a good new film from the maker of *Repo Man* and *Sid and Nancy* has been a long time coming.

The Mask
Warner West End
PG, 101 mins
Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey

Highway Patrolman
Metro, 15, 104 mins
Absorbing Mexican yarn from Alex Cox

Public Access
National Film Theatre
90 mins
Intriguing but thin American independent film



Is that a piece of cleverly executed animation exploding from your chest, or are you just pleased to see me? Jim Carrey goes beyond wearing his heart on his sleeve in *The Mask*

Highway Patrolman, cheaply shot in 1991 with a local crew in Mexico, lacks the dimensions of a grand comeback venture. But the indulgences that ruined Cox's spaghetti western spoof *Straight to Hell* and the muddled biopic *Walker* have been ruthlessly curtailed. This is a lean, mean movie, crackling with some of the energy we used to get from reprobate American directors such as Samuel Fuller or Budd Boetticher.

Pedro, the hero, is a young graduate of Mexico's National Highway Patrol Academy. He begins with honourable intentions, but the miasma of corruption surrounding the police and too many hot days spent patrolling Durango's desert roads take their toll. He drinks, accepts bribes from impoverished farmers struggling to survive, takes a mistress, gets demoted, crashes his car, picks up a bullet in the knee, and tries to cut deals with drug smugglers. By the end, Pedro has descended into the kind of hell Graham Greene characters would recognise.

Highway Patrolman could easily have been a B-movie potboiler, filled with shootouts, road chases and degenerate behaviour. But Cox and his writing partner Lorenzo O'Brien adopt a thoughtful approach to their material. Police corruption is put in a social framework. Hispanic culture is respectfully treated, language included: the film is entirely in Spanish, with subtitles.

There is no attempt to bombard the viewer. Cameraman Miguel Garzon takes up Cox's challenge of shooting scenes in long, serpentine takes. This can be a recipe for anaemic cinema; but here it adds to the tension and encourages the action, however bizarre, to keep contact with reality. It helps, too, that Roberto Sosa is a well-controlled, likeable actor: whatever Pedro does, he always remains a flawed human being, not a cardboard cutout toting a gun.

Cox has said: "It's amazing what a director can do when he is freed from the traditional limitations imposed on him by Hollywood films." Such freedom never helped his past films; but here, suddenly, Cox emerges as a modest but disciplined film-maker, anxious to tell a story well rather than trumpet his cult status.

For all its pleasures, *Highway Patrolman* is the kind of small film ideally cast as the lower half of a double-bill. Bryan J. Singer's **Public Access**, showing for seven performances at the National Film Theatre, lacks the strength to survive even that exposure. The ideas about American society and media manipulation spinning round the director's head may well have been fascinating. The trouble is, they never survive the journey from head to script to screen. But something made the Sundance Film Festival last year award Singer's debut feature a Grand Jury prize. One plus point is the atmosphere. Through artful camera work and sound effects, Singer lifts the veil over the small, clean town of Brewster, to reveal a disquieting place scarred by malice, corruption and the recession.

The other attraction is Ron Marquette's portrayal of the eerie stranger who walks into town and takes over airtime on the local public access station with a poisonous call-in show. "What's wrong with Brewster?" he keeps asking. A needling presence, with well-chiselled features and searching eyes, he soon gets people to spill the beans about civic misdemeanours.

But for what reason? Even with Marquette's dark charisma, this man with no background lacks the strong symbolic force that would sharpen the story and give audiences the encouraging feeling that the film was striding forward. As things stand, *Public Access* reveals a young film-maker with promise, then drifts into a mist.

One time Hollywood did not get a look-in

Competitors in the 47th Locarno film festival were chosen because they were not American, writes **David Robinson**

Locarno is a quiet resort on Lake Maggiore, famous for its gardens and mountain views, and for giving its name to the pact of 1925 that was optimistically intended to guarantee permanent peace in Europe. Fortunately, Locarno's film festival, now in its 47th annual edition, has proved more durable than the pact.

The location is probably the most spectacular of any international film event. Every evening the arcaded grand piazza is cordoned off, the town clock is silenced, and about 8,000 people pack the hard chairs in front of the gigantic screen. Except, that is, when the dramatic electric storms characteristic of the region come flashing and thundering down from the mountains, bringing torrential rain, which happened rather frequently.

While many of the piazza shows are Swiss premieres of the big films from Cannes (*Pulp Fiction*, *Three Colours – Red*) the official competition is limited to premieres, and favours those European and oriental cinemas that find it increasingly difficult to win international distribution in the face of American monopoly of world screens.

Only one competing film in Locarno was by an American, and even that was French-financed, although set and shot in Los Angeles. In *The Glass Shield*, Charles Burnett, one of the most talented black West Coast film-makers (*Killer of Sheep*, *To Sleep With Anger*), dramatises the parallel experiences of a black man and a white woman, both victims of ostracism and harassment as members of a white and male-dominated police service.

Boris Frumin's Russian-made *Viva Castro!* was advertised as a world premiere, although I saw it two months ago, when it was competing at the Sochi festival on the Black Sea. Premiere or not, this was perhaps Locarno's best exhibit. Frumin left Russia in 1978 when his last Soviet film, *Mistakes of Youth*, was banned. Since then he has been teaching film at New York University. His Russian comeback is an autobiographical reminiscence of boyhood in the mid-1960s. Sometimes the scenes of school life and loves have the comic caress of *Bill Forsyth* or early Milos Forman; but Frumin has his own rare gift of discovering the unexpected in every shot and character, and a lifelike way of inextricably mingling farce and tragedy: the boy's family are victims of the labour camp.

> The location is probably the most spectacular of any film event

Iran, whose cinema has a surprising resilience, pulled off a hat-trick. Geoff Brown has already written enthusiastically from Cannes about Abbas Kiarostami's *Under the Olive Trees*, about a film-maker shooting in the earthquake-ravaged regions, and an odd little romance that blooms behind the cameras.

Kiyyanush Ayyari's *The Abadanis* is a homage to De Sica's classic *Bicycle Thieves* so slavish as to be almost a pastiche. Retelling the story with war refugees living in the wastelands of Tehran, the stolen object now an old car, Ayyari nevertheless discovers new political implications touching on the life of Iran's underprivileged.

Also from Iran, Ebrahim Feruzeh's *The Jar* benefits from a scenario of inspired, fable-like simplicity. A leak in the jar which stands in the schoolyard to provide water for the children becomes the focus for all the human and social ills in a village.

The lesson of the best of the Locarno competitors was that these "other" cinemas are generally most effective when they try least to emulate the Hollywood style. Jan Bucquoy's *La Vie sexuelle des Belges* is an ironic, grotesque, good-humoured sexual odyssey, from mean provincial beginnings to metropolitan liberation.

From France, Christine Carriere's *Rosine* evokes the sad suburbs of a provincial town and the adolescent traumas of a girl who is ultimately more emotionally mature than her battered mother. Fridrik Thor Fridriksson's *Movie Days*, too, is an unsophisticated, vivid recollection of early adolescence, this time in Iceland in the early 1960s, remembering particularly the shock impact of American films, from *King of Kings* to *The Last Days of Hitler*.

From the other side of the world, Wong Kar-Wai's *Chungking Express* is a wry observation of the woman-troubles of two feckless young cops, working and living in the chaotic maze of Hong Kong's Chungking House commercial complex. With its handheld camera, breakneck video-clip-style editing, and charming, funny actors, this was certainly one of the festival's most exhilarating experiences.

America was not forgotten, though. The subject of this year's Locarno retrospective was Frank Tashlin (1913-1972), mostly known as the director of the best Martin and Lewis vehicles (*Artists and Models*, *The Lieutenant Wore Skirts*) and of Jerry Lewis solo (*The Geisha Boy*, *Cinderfella*, *Who's Minding the Store?*).

Tashlin appears today as Hollywood's last master of visual comedy. Like Terry Gilliam, Tashlin began his film career in animated cartoons. After an apprenticeship as a newspaper cartoonist, he spent the years 1933 to 1946 in various Hollywood studios, as animator, writer, director or supervisor; and was responsible for some of the craziest Warner Merrie Melodies and Looney Tunes.

Locarno assembled a surprising body of this rare and precious juvenilia, to show the extent to which Tashlin's style as a feature director was formed by the cartoon experience. Like Gilliam, Tashlin had an unfettered vision of the screen image, and the extravagant, surreal fantasy of a cartoonist. In Tashlin feature films the craziest gags are possible: smoke may issue from the ears of a character in moments of passion, and a lot of the wildest gags in *Cinderfella* (1960) are anticipated in the 1942 cartoon *Cinderella Goes to a Party*.

At the same time, the satire behind Tashlin's knockabout farce today appears more purposeful and perhaps more bitter than it did at the time the films were made. The ridicule of advertising (*Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter?*), political paranoia (*The Glass Bottom Boat*), Korea heroics (*The Geisha Boy*) and of consumerism and American attitudes to sex in all the films reveal Tashlin as a caustic jester well worth the rediscovery.



Iranian Kiyyanush Ayyari's *The Abadanis* pays homage to De Sica's *Bicycle Thieves*

TELEVISION REVIEW

Holiday flat

When I was a child, and my mother promised us a picnic on a day that turned out to pelt with rain, she held the picnic in the house. Carrying the sandwiches and orange squash, we trekked from room to room, picking flowers from wayside vases, carefully choosing the right spot to spread out the rug, halfway up the stairs. I assume we sometimes went on proper picnics but that picnic indoors is the only one I remember.

The Dexter children in Anna Reynolds's **Paradise** (the latest in BBC2's *Stages* season), directed by Indra Bhose, are unlikely to treasure fond memories of the summer holiday they spent in their cellar. This is assuming they survived the ordeal, which was by no means clear. As the camera receded from mum and dad for the final shot, leaving them frozen in silent misery against posters of a palm-fringed beach, young Chris and Samantha were nowhere to be seen.

Chris's last visible action was daubing red paint over a remarkably sophisticated portrait of his girlfriend before slumping to the ground in despair. Samantha spent much time praying to God and hoping they were not in hell. Even so, the noise their parents made, roughly mating on the concrete floor, ought not to have passed without some comment from their anxious offspring. Possibly by now we were inside the mother's seriously disordered mind.

Too poor to return this year to their favourite foreign island, Linda has forced Joseph and the kids down the cellar steps, there to remain for two weeks until they can reappear, bronzed from the sunbed, to face the neighbours without shame. Joseph's acquiescence is supposed to be explained by his distress at losing his job. Dave Hill showed him trying to enter into the spirit of make-believe, lolling back on his deckchair inches away from the cellar wall, but reassurance is what he craves. "Who do you love most in the world?" he unwisely asks his daughter (Rebecca Weeks) and is stymied when she answers: "God".

A pinch-faced, thin-lipped Penny Downie, gold crucifix glinting at her throat, soon established Linda's slippery grasp on reality. Chris (Greg Chisholm) evenly assured her that losing a job is no big deal, but her discontent had deeper roots. Was she still a woman? How did the magic go out of the marriage?

The play presented these predicaments in an altogether too wispy manner, never allowing husband or children to engage with Linda's crazed determination to hide, conceal and lie. I longed for one of them to find the key she had accidentally on purpose mislaid or break down the cellar door. The potent image of a family salting itself away dissolved into faint sketches of unexamined folly and collusion.

JEREMY KINGSTON

LONDON

BBC HENRY WOOD PROMS Promgoers who have not made the trip to Glyndebourne to see *Eugene Onegin* are in for a treat tonight. Andrew Davis conducts the London Philharmonic and the Glyndebourne Festival Chorus in a semi-staged concert version, complete with Siena Prokina as Tatyana, Wojciech Drabowicz in the title role, Martin Thompson as Lensky and Louise Winter as Olga.
Albert Hall Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-589 8212). Tonight, 7pm

OUT OF THE NINETIES The Mall Galleries hosts a showcase for the best of this year's graduates from London's top postgraduate art schools: Chelsea, Goldsmiths, Royal Academy, Royal College of Art and Slade. Works are chosen by the heads of fine art for a unique and wonderfully eclectic exhibition.
Mall Galleries, Carlton House Terrace, SW1 (071-930 6844). *Until Sept 27* admission free.

JIMMY WEBB He of "By The Time I Get to Phoenix", "Wichita Lineman" and "MacArthur Park", songwriting fame has turned his hand (and voice of course) to performing and composing for the stage. Excerpts from his acclaimed recent album *Suspending Disbelief*, co-produced with Linda Ronstadt, are sure to be included in the programme.
Green Room, Café Royal, Regent St, W1 (071-437 9090). Until Sept 3

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Joan Rodgers takes the title role in tonight's UK premiere of Chabrier's masterpiece-in-the-making **Briséis**. Jean Yves Ossonce conducts the BBC SO for a programme which also includes his sparkling **España** and two cantatas. Later tonight, more music from the Festival's second featured composer, a **Chabrier cabaret** devised by Gerald Larner. Other music on offer is more Beethoven from the peerless **Borodin String Quartet**.

Tonight is the final performance for the Berliner Ensemble's **Antony and Cleopatra**, Peter Zadek directs Gert Voss and Eva Mattes. Robert Lepage's **The Seven Streams of the River Ota** continues until Sunday, and Goethe's scathing study of 16th-century Italian politics, **Torquato Tasso**, is on until Saturday. Robert David MacDonald translates and directs.

Dance takes a break today as Miami City Ballet rehearses its second Balanchine programme and opera performances resume with the Australian Opera next Thursday.

Stephen Dinsdale's hilarious gem **Amorak of Fire** makes a most welcome return to the Fringe at the start of a national tour. He also premieres two new one-hour comedies: *Gee Wow! The Life and Times of Clive Nixon and Night Shift*. Other famous comic faces performing today include Ann Bryson (dark-haired one in the Philadelphia cheese ad) and Greg Proops (bespectacled American on *Whose Line is it Anyway?*). The brilliant wits of **Kit and the Widow** kick off their Fringe programme at the Café Royal.
Edinburgh International Festival (031-226 4001). **Fringe Information** (031-3226 5257)

LONDON GALLERIES

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TOM KIDD

Gert Voss (Antony), and the Cleopatra of Eva Mattes come face to torso with something headless and bloody, but manage not to let it upset them

The asp did it, but who cares?

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** searches in vain for passion in a bloodless and unfestive *Antony and Cleopatra*, while black comedy lives and breathes down in London

Do you recall the short scene, halfway through *Antony and Cleopatra*, in which Ventidius marches triumphantly through Syria with the body of *the King of Parthia's son*? If not, do not reproach yourself, for it is unnecessary to the narrative and often omitted. How odd, then, to find that it is nearer to an imaginative mountain than *anything else in the series of molehills* the Berliner Ensemble has brought to Edinburgh.

A headless corpse hangs upside-down from a makeshift gibbet in the King's Theatre. Exhausted soldiers in beige tatters sprawl on the ground, their helmets and guns flung down *beside them. Someone flashes morse* signals with an electric lamp. Someone else plays a mouth-organ. For once, you believe that *this is near-Eastern* desert country and these are people who have done and suffered something authentic.

It must be significant that this is the *production's most memorable scene* — but what does it signify? That the director, Peter Zadek, is inept? The *thought occurred to me more than once* and presumably also to the two women behind me who ended the evening lustily snoring. Or that the Berliner *Ensemble is still influenced by the* theories of its creator, Bertolt Brecht? That would explain the dry, downbeat tone, among other things.

The aim of his "alienation-effect" was to drain a play of *sympathetic emotion*, rid it of dramatic illusion, and so encourage us *dispassionately* to concentrate on the issues. This is not well-suited to Shakespeare, who (as Shaw regularly complained) was more interested in *exciting feeling rather than provoking* debate, and it is particularly ill-suited to that lush tragedy, *Antony and Cleopatra*. Nevertheless, Zadek does seem to be trying to alienate us in some of the standard Brechtian ways, including keeping the houselights up *throughout a 150-minute performance* sans interval.

Thoughtfully, the company let it be known that they would not mind if we trotted out for the odd pee or pint. And if I had done so it would not have mattered, for there was little of note to miss. Excitement, *surprise, rage, eroticism, despair are almost entirely missing. How could it be* otherwise when the company has conscientiously rejected roughly nine-tenths of *Shakespeare's invitations* to produce strong, outfront passion?

Antony, meet Cleopatra. Gert Voss, *can I introduce you to Eva Mattes*? Although they exchange the odd strong word and even an occasional slap, their acquaintance has not yet progressed to the point where it is producing electricity either sexual or emotional. He looks like a blend of Lawrence of Arabia and the Desert Fox, but is actually a mild, undemonstrative chap, happiest with his whisky and his fag, and barely ruffled by the defeat of his entire fleet. She lolls about in a glittery dress, acting spoiled, shallow, manipulative and nothing much more.

Is Zadek suggesting that the play's wars and amours are no great shakes? Perhaps; but if so the inevitable result is that they are no great Shakespeare either. Even the mise-en-scène is less than riveting, consisting as it mostly does of sand-coloured flooring, a canary cyclorama, a few brown chairs, and lots of 1940-ish squaddies in search of a North African campaign to fight.

In Rome the nobs wear morning coats and spats, while Octavia frolics in a white bathing costume with a beach ball. On Pompey's yacht they go for an Afghan guerrilla look. In Egypt, chronologically a more indeterminate place, they undulate about in bull, bird or dog's heads, although even then with less conviction than your average morris dancer. Where is the verve, the fun, the danger? Nowhere at all.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Messed up by laughter

Dog Eat Dog
Theatre Royal, Stratford East

EIGHTEEN months ago the eight black actors of the Posse put on their first full-length play, *Pinchy Kobi and the Seven Duppies at the Tricycle*, and from the moment when the duppies — dippy souls in limbo — began emerging from the furniture it was clear they were not only sharp, daring comedians but delighted in surreal tricks. I remember marvelling at the sight of Roger Griffiths and Gary McDonald as two bickering *arms of a red sofa, who later* became counsel for the prosecution and defence of the Scrooge character.

The good news is that *Pinchy Kobi* reappears in October at the Theatre Royal, before setting off on a Christmas tour. In the meantime, the company has assembled another programme of revue material, mostly socio-political sketches but with a few songs, which is the sort of show that brought them together in the first place.

One thing they are able to do is jab at black assumptions of themselves, and not just by way of mockery. The mocking they do very well, particularly when kitted out in dresses — *they make terrific women* — to complain about male machismo on the dance floor. The explicit descriptions of what men's partners have to face brought cries of recognition from the audience.

The longest item turns out to have this contentious matter as its central theme. At first the sketch seems to be shaping up as a parody of a chat show, with Victor Romero Evans as its skipping, tripping host who has to clap his hands in manic *excitement between almost ev*ery word. The question he asks his panel is, "Has money *(clap, clap)* changed *(clap)* you?" Robert Gee's beautician keeps her husband in cars and pocket money and loftily evades the awkward question of her pink wig. McDonald's gum-chewing footballer, although the only black in his team, is turning himself into Essex Man.

These might be the objects of indulgent laughter were it not for Sylvester Williams as an urbane Professor of Black Studies. Looking like the balding Citizen Kane at Xanadu, he utters unnervingly direct, even humiliating, psychological interpretations, which extend from comments about the panel members to cool putdowns of members of the audience who object to his attitude. This is dark and dangerous material.

Jo Martin's direction of this sketch becomes untidy. She cannot anticipate the degree of audience participation, but the questions from other parts of the house are hard to hear. The films that are used as interludes — "Rude Girls" is the funniest — appear to have been shot during an eclipse.

But generally Martin keeps the show on the rails and in both halves, entitled "Time to Laugh" and "Time to Mess Up Yourself", the sketches are often linked cunningly together.

The one about blacks in Nazi Germany is the only dud. The most hilarious is a dialogue between Williams and an animated, articulate penis that hops along the back of a sofa gleefully telling of its exploits, before joining in a racy version of "Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better". See it for yourself and try not to mess up yourself laughing.

JEREMY KINGSTON

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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Pit, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm ◪

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National, (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). 2pm and 7.15pm. ◪

◪ **ROCKY HORROR SHOW.** Just when you thought it was safe to go out to the theatre, back comes Richard O'Brien's legend from another age, another realm, another sex.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, W1 (071-836 5122). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri and Sat, 6pm and 9pm. ◪

☐ **ST JOAN** Imogen Stubbs as the soldier-saint in a production full of mental passion, if you can overlook the scenic ado. Peter Jeffrey is superb as the Inquisitor.
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

◪ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG.** Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Lynda Bellingham star in Wendy Wasserstein's Broadway hit. A tears 'n' laughter drama, distantly inspired by Chekhov. The American Jewish quips mean a lot less over here.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm. Until Sept 10. ◪

☐ **THE WINSLOW BOY.** Peter Barkworth, Simon Williams and Nyree Dawn Porter in Rattigan's ever-popular drama of a man's fight to prove his son's innocence when the Royal Naval College expels him for theft.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Now previewing, 8pm; mat *Thurs* 3pm, *Sat*, 4pm. Opens Aug 24

LONG RUNNERS

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

Strong, sexy remake of the 1972 thriller; director, Roger Donaldson.
Warner ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **GETTING EVEN WITH DAD** (PG) *Macaulay Culkin reforms his wayward dad (Ted Danson). Botched family comedy, directed by Howard Deutch.*
MGM Trocadero ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

XIKA (18) A make-up artiste's life and loves. Misogynistic disgusting comedy-thriller from Pedro Almodovar with Veronica Forque and Victoria Abril.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443)
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18) *Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all. Director, John Dahl.*
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914096)

LOVE & HUMAN REMAINS (18)* Mordant tales of love, sex and serial killings. Denys Arcand directs a fresh, excellent cast, led by Thomas Gibson and Ruth Marshall.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914096)

◆ **MAVERICK** (PG). Mel Gibson as the TV Western conman. Disappointing summer fun, with Jodie Foster and James Garner. Director, Richard Donner.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **MY GIRL 2** (PG). *Anna Chlumsky's precocious girl searches for the mother she never knew. Bland sequel aimed at young teens with Austin O'Brien, Dan Aykroyd and Jamie Lee Curtis.*
MGM Trocadero ◪ (071-434 0031)

NECRONOMICON *(18): Clumsy horror compendium inspired by H P Lovecraft's stories, with Bruce Payne, David Warner, and sundry creatures from the depths.*
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

SHORT CUTS *(18) Robert Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of fractured lives in Los Angeles. With Andie MacDowell, Bruce Davison, Tim Robbins, Matthew Modine, Lily Tomlin.*
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

◆ **SIRENS** (15). Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. *Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson.*
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◆ **THUMBELINA** (U): Insipid cartoon version of the Hans Christian Andersen tale from Don Bluth and Gary Goldman.
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WE DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT (PG): An ageing bachelor and a charming dwarf join forces in Maria Luisa Bamberg's magical Argentine fable. With Marcello Mastroianni.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Curzon Mayfair** (071-465 8865) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BABY'S DAY OUT** (PG) Wandering baby, mes its kidnappers' patience. Slaki-lazy comedy from the 'Home Alone' stable, with Joe Mantegna and Lara Flynn Boyle. Director, Patrick Read Johnson.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **TRUE LIES** (15) Schwarzenegger saves the world from Middle East terrorists. But what about his marriage? Over-clean summer fun with Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, James Cameron.
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CURRENT

◆ **THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES** (PG) Silly, acceptable big-screen revival for TV's favourite hicks with Jim Varney, Lily Tomlin and Dietrich Bader. Director, Penelope Spheeris.
MGM Trocadero ◪ (071-434 0031)

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Must this energy go to waste?

Bankside Power Station will make a fine gallery. But the art is unlikely to match the setting, writes **Richard Cork**

Now that the Tate has launched an international competition to choose an architect for its new Gallery of Modern Art, the project is fast becoming a reality. Judging by my recent visit to the Bankside Power Station, plenty of space will be available there for the collection. But I am left with one nagging, central question. What will the Tate's modern holdings look like, once they are removed from cramped Millbank and exposed to the vastness of their new home?

Make no mistake: this looming, redundant edifice is built on a scale utterly divorced from the cosiness of the existing Tate. Standing inside Bankside's gaunt, echoing immensity, I tried to visualise the space that will become available once the boilers and generating plant have been taken away. The ground-floor area alone encompasses 9,000 square metres, and this secular cathedral soars a giddying distance from basement to ceiling. Then there is the grandeur of the flat roof, where I found myself gazing across the Thames at a superb view of St Paul's directly opposite. As well as providing an ideal site for a restaurant, the roof offers plenty of opportunities for an imaginative installation of a high-rise sculpture garden to rival the Metropolitan Museum's in New York.

Much will depend on the ingenuity of the architect, to be chosen by judges who include the artist Michael Craig-Martin, the architects Hans Hollein and Sir Philip Powell, and Richard Koshalek, Director of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles. Whoever is chosen next February must be capable of turning an austere, uninviting power station into a place that welcomes art and public with equal aplomb. But the selected architect can hardly be held responsible for the shortcomings of the Tate's collection. And they are bound to be exposed, with embarrassing clarity, by the sheer size of the new museum.

Let me be quite clear. I am not referring to the Tate's holdings in art since the Second World War. Although much has to be held in storage at the moment, Bankside will reveal that London possesses a rich and impressively wide-ranging array of work from the second half of the 20th century. But the earlier decades, and the closing years of the previous century, are a very different matter. Go to Millbank at the moment, and you will find only a meagre representation of the Impressionists and their immediate successors. While the National Gallery and the Courtauld Collection boast outright masterpieces by Manet, Van Gogh, Gauguin, Seurat and Cézanne, the Tate only possesses modest examples of their work.

The contrast with America could hardly be more stark. At the Museum of Modern Art in New York, all these artists are shown plentifully, and at the peak of their form. What is more, the current special exhibition there celebrates the remarkable collection built up by David and Peggy Rockefeller. Most of the paintings have been either given or promised to MOMA, and they include outstanding pictures by nearly all the finest artists working in Paris from Manet's heyday to the Cubist period.

> "Shortcomings in the Tate's collection are bound to be exposed by the new museum"

The Tate, of course, would love to acquire even a fraction of the Rockefellers' holdings in Cézanne, Matisse and Picasso. But the likelihood of a similar gift to Millbank seems remote. There are no private British collections of comparable importance. Samuel Courtauld, whose paintings have now been splendidly rehung in a delectable exhibition at the Courtauld Institute Galleries, spawned no successors in this country. If younger British collectors had bought with his discernment, the Tate might now be in the happy position of the Metropolitan Museum in New York. Their late 19th-century galleries are currently transformed by the astonishing range of prime French paintings which Walter Annenberg has decided to give them *en bloc*.

There was a moment, in the late 1930s, when London might have furnished itself with a modern collection second to none. Peggy Guggenheim enlisted Herbert Read's help in starting a museum of 20th-century art here. Read was to be the director, and he drew up a list of the most desirable acquisitions. But then the war broke out, and Peggy Guggenheim went to Paris with the funds she had set aside for the museum. It was a marvellous time to buy, and with $40,000 she acquired for her own collection the masterpieces which Read had recommended.

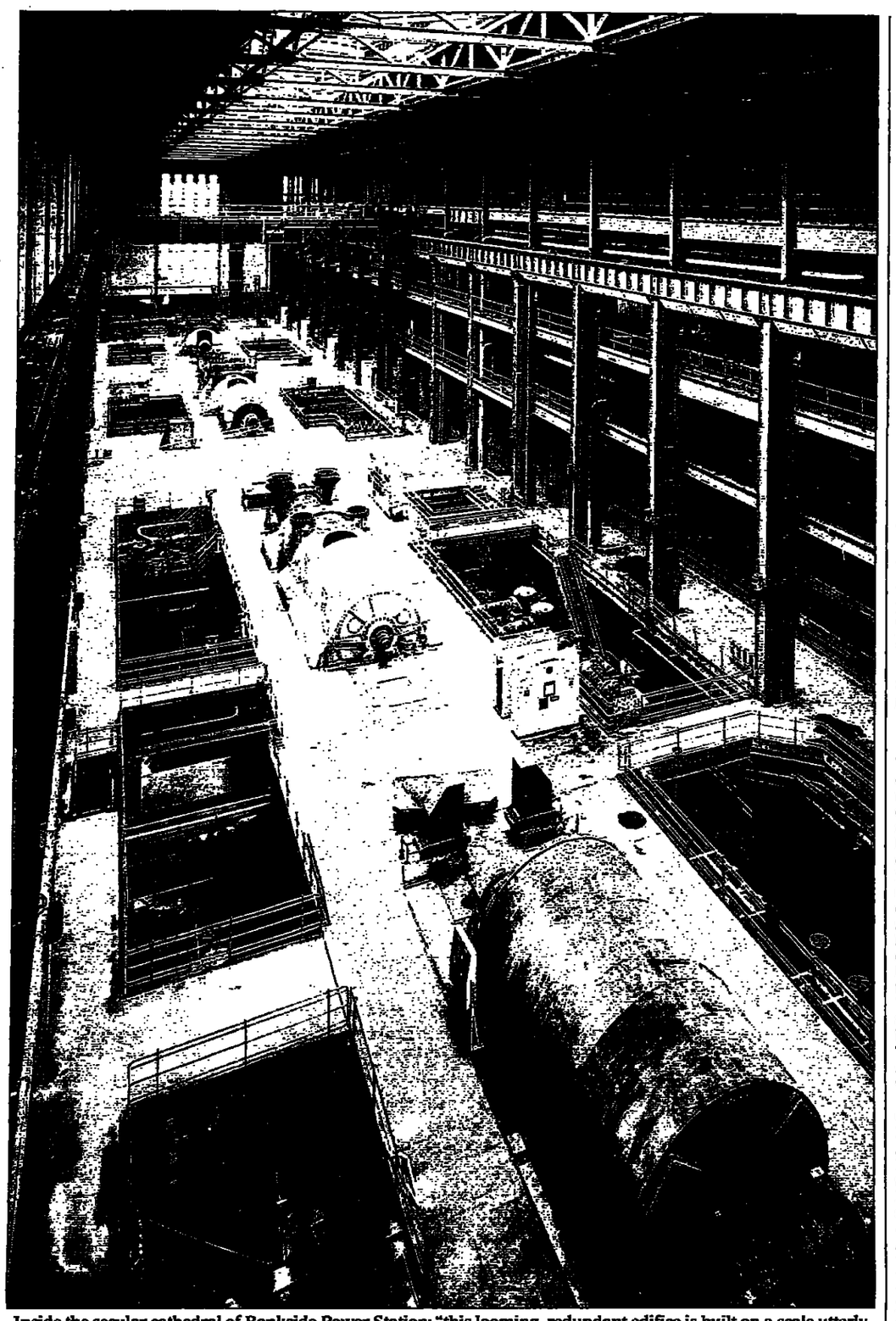
The outcome, replete with impressive works by Picasso, Duchamp, Léger, Kandinsky, Brancusi, Miró, Pollock and many others beside, would have formed a splendid basis for Britain's Museum of Modern Art. And in the mid-1960s, Peggy Guggenheim intimated that she would give the entire collection to the Tate. Having been fêted by the British art establishment, she finally decided to leave it all in her Venetian palazzo. Viewed with hindsight, her tantalising offer may have been our last chance to provide London with the early 20th-century collection it deserves.

For there is no hope, now, of the Tate buying the works it needs from that period. First-rate examples of Fauvism, Expressionism and Futurism, some of the movements woefully under-represented at Millbank, are very difficult to find in private hands. And even if it does track them down, the Tate only has a niggardly £2 million to spend each year on everything from Tudor portraits to Damien Hirst. The cost of one great early Matisse, an artist whose finest period is poorly shown at Millbank, would be many times larger than the entire annual grant.

Nothing can be gained from deploring the lost opportunities of the past. Former directors and trustees of the Tate showed lamentable judgment on many occasions — not least when they turned down Matisse's sublime 1911 painting *The Red Studio* when it was offered to them for a few hundreds pounds. But the prospect of a festive opening at Bankside, scheduled for the year 2000, is bound to be soured by qualms about our Gallery of Modern Art's ability to tell a comprehensive story. At the moment, the representation of the heroic early decades of the century is riddled with gaps. They need filling before the move to Bankside exposes them in all their rawness. And I can only trust that the flair of the present director, Nick Serota, might somehow attract the generosity of a collector able to bolster the Tate in most of the weak areas.

How much does it matter? In this country, a very great deal. For Britain is notoriously reluctant, compared with many of our continental counterparts, to treat modern art as seriously as it merits. The curiosity is there, all right: last year, the Tate and its regional outposts notched up the highest total attendance figure in the gallery's history. Of the 2,527,546 people who visited its premises in London, Liverpool and St Ives, a high proportion was motivated by eagerness to find out more about the art of our century. A similar conclusion can be drawn from the success of the recent Picasso exhibition, which attracted the third largest number of visitors recorded by any show at Millbank.

I have no doubt that the British are often fascinated by modern art; but they still display a deplorable readiness, on other occasions, to dismiss it as rubbish. This knee-jerk reaction, usually based on ignorance, would dwindle if 20th-century art were shown in greater depth and quality by our national collection. It is not enough to acquire a power station, convert the building and throw a footbridge across the Thames to the steps of St Paul's. The contents of Bankside must be able to do justice to the highest achievements of the era it seeks to honour. Only then will Britain appreciate the extraordinary energy, inventiveness and audacity of modern art to the full.



Inside the secular cathedral of Bankside Power Station: "this looming, redundant edifice is built on a scale utterly divorced from the cosiness of the existing Tate. The ground-floor area alone encompasses 9,000 square metres"

ARTS BRIEFING

Yankee Maggie

DAME Maggie Smith returns to the West End in November in an unlikely guise: as a 92-year-old American matriarch. Smith, who will be tackling her first American stage part, stars in *Three Tall Women* by Edward Albee. The current off-Broadway hit was inspired by Albee's turbulent relationship with his adoptive mother. Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille co-star; Karel Reisz directs. *Three Tall Women* opens on November 1 at Wyndham's.

● REHEARSALS begin this month for the Richard Dreyfuss-directed *Hamlet* at the Old Rep Theatre in Birmingham. The Academy Award-winning actor is making his directorial debut with this Birmingham Stage Company production, which opens on September 27. The part of Hamlet will be played by Russell Boulter. Susan Hampshire will play Gertrude and Steven Berkoff will play the voice of the ghost.

Playing Warlock

THOUGH an unlikely candidate for international celebrity, the English composer and critic Peter Warlock (real name Philip Heseltine) looks like achieving that in the centenary year of his birth. His unhappy life, sour relationships, involvement in occult practices, and death (or suicide) by gassing in 1930, have already been the subject of a new biography. Now the RSC actor Jeremy Northam is to play Warlock in a film, *Voices From a Locked Room*, that begins shooting in October in London and Montreal. The £4.5 million film has been scripted by Peter Barnes, who wrote *Enchanted April*.

● TWO heavy metal heroes, Led Zeppelin's co-founders Jimmy Page and Robert Plant, will be reunited for a television concert. Part of MTV's acclaimed *Unplugged* series, the programme, called *Unledded*, will be shown in America in October and feature slimmed-down arrangements of best-selling Zeppelin tunes, along with new songs. Zeppelin disbanded in 1980 after the death of drummer John Bonham.

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Prommers give it a whirl

PROMS 1994: Vienna comes to the Albert Hall



Vienna's Opera Ball: its spirit was vividly evoked by Franz Welser-Möst and the LPO

Brahms loved them, Wagner admired them, even the curmudgeonly Schoenberg enjoyed them. Viennese waltzes have delighted both amateurs and connoisseurs for well over a century with their grace, lyrical charm and unashamed spirit of hedonism. Prommers love them too, and Viennese Nights are something of an institution. They are an occasion for much bobbing and swaying, even, in extreme cases, on-the-spot waltzing, evening dress optional.

The Viennese Night given by the London Philharmonic under Franz Welser-Möst on Tuesday was a judicious blend of the familiar and the unexpected. The less said about the opening Mozart symphony (the "Haffner", K385) with its dull phrasing and featureless articulation, the better. For all its brisk tempos, it was the sort of anonymous performance that gives Mozart on modern instruments a bad name.

The rhythms of the Strauss family are clearly in Welser-Möst's blood, however, as we heard in Josef Strauss' masterly "Music of the Spheres Waltz" and in the Overture and Csárdás from Johann Strauss's *Die Fledermaus*, the latter elegantly tossed off by the soprano Felicity Lott. Lott was also a stylish soloist in the aria "Draussen in Sievering", from an operetta, called *Die Tänzerin Fanny Elssler*, drawing on lesser-known music of Johann Strauss II, and in a tragic-lyrical aria from Franz Lehár's *Paganini*.

In "Let's go into the chambre séparée", from Richard Heuberger's *The Opera Ball*, she engaged in some mild coquetry with Welser-Möst, both of them judging the lilt of the music nicely. An aria each from Robert Stolz's *Der Favorit* and Lehár's *Giuditta* similarly elicited seductive phrasing from singer and conductor alike.

The pace was quickened in Suppé's catchy *Light Cavalry* overture, and in three marches by Johann Strauss II, of which the "Egyptian March" offered the greatest surprise. During the latter, a veiled figure in green (in fact the tuba player, Owen Slade) entered from a door behind the orchestra and did the requisite oriental choreography, while a row of his brass-playing colleagues each donned a crimson fez and stood to wail, Egyptian B-movie style. It was truly touching to see such shrinking violets achieve their moment of glory.

There was more merriment, involving bottles and corks, in the "Champagne Waltz", given as an encore. Welser-Möst has a natural feel for music of this type, and drawing idiomatic playing from the LPO, he deserved the enthusiastic reception he got from the promenaders.

BARRY MILLINGTON

POP: Classic songs from a youthful veteran

Prime time is just beginning

Jimmy Webb
Cafe Royal

BY RIGHTS he should be about 108. We have lived so long with the songs that Jimmy Webb embroidered effortlessly into the world's consciousness that it seemed impossible their author could be the tall, gracious, pony-tailed man who arrived for a three-week residency in the Green Room fresh from a similar engagement at New York's Algonquin Hotel. But that's youthful prodigies for you, and while *Suspending Disbelief*, last year's album of strong new material, showed he has no need to coast on past glories, the 47-year-old can also offer a new perspective on established classics.

Certainly among the most famous and affecting items from a dazzling back-catalogue are those hits he wrote for Glen Campbell in the late Sixties, in particular "By The Time I Get To Phoenix", "Galveston" and "Witchita Lineman".

What made them work so beautifully was the way in which drama was shown to exist within the commonplace — no artifice, not one false word or note. Which is why, perhaps, one sensed attention wandering slightly during that segment called "Completely off Broadway", and in which he moved to a computerised keyboard to offer up items from aborted or as yet incomplete stage shows.

But even these pieces were triumphs of craftmanship. A declaration of love by an Armenian proprietor of a chain of electrical stores, an energetic and child-like celebration of the humble tennis shoe ... small-scale subjects, but beautifully realised and performed. Everyone was aching for the big guns to be brought out, however, and Webb obliged by returning to his piano for a glorious run that began with "If These Old Walls Could Speak", and "Didn't We" then continued on through "MacArthur Park" to a closing medley of those three sublime Campbell hits.

That any one man should have written such an assortment of great songs stretches the imagination at a time when comparable contemporary material is in short supply. That he did so when he was such a young man turns out to be London's blessing though. For the Jimmy Webb who plays this venue through until September 3 is an artist seemingly in his prime. And if on this opening night a duly deferential younger element sat in rapt attention alongside such heavily coiffed showbiz names as Gloria Hunniford and Elaine Paige, it only went to prove that students of any age know a master when they hear him.

ALAN JACKSON

Memo from the unknown citizens to Michael Portillo

Frank Field

IDLE HANDS
The Experience of Unemployment, 1790 to 1990
By John Burnett
Routledge. £45/£14.99 pbk

The word *unemployment* made its first appearance in the dictionaries in the 1880s. More importantly, it entered into the mouths of the chattering classes. They were not keen on mob behaviour in the West End: breaking windows, turfing the rich out of their carriages, causing fear and uncertainty. Moreover, the unemployed now had the vote. Would they use it to duff up the upper classes, just as the rioting mob appeared intent on doing?

The word *unemployment* also moved the debate. It shifted the emphasis away from individual failings and began to seek the cause of unemployment in the organisation of business. In *Idle Hands* John Burnett outdoes his publisher's claims for him. True, the unemployed, through the autobiographies written over the past two hundred years, get to tell their own story. But what makes Burnett's account trebly valuable is that, in addition, he looks at what had been thought of the causes of unemployment during the last two centuries. He also clearly distinguishes the types of unemployment and how these have changed in preponderance over the same timescale.

Two messages stand out. The first is that today's unemployed are more lacking in hope than ever before. Measuring opinions is fraught with difficulties, but part of Burnett's intellectual capital is an intimate knowledge of working men's autobiographies over the past two centuries. And it is wrong to think that these were written only by the labour aristocracy. Some of the poorest unemployed were literate. The record shows that, as they actively sought to ameliorate their own position, they believed events generally would improve. Until a year ago the political leaders of the European Union appeared blind to the fact that the European unemployment total was heading towards 20 million.



Chartists in Kennington, 1848: the first photograph of a demonstration? From *The Chronicles of London* by Andrew Saint and Gillian Darley (Weidenfeld, £25)

The second message centres on the nature of unemployment. Burnett points to the long-term nature of unemployment in the inter-war years and more recently. This contrasts with the cyclical nature of much unemployment during the earlier part of the study, and he suggests that at other times periods without work were more transitionary. Of course they were for many. But unemployment was all too long term for those whom Charles Booth conveniently deemed as unemployable in his survey of London in the closing years of the last century.

The only exceptional period is the one not dealt with here, and for an obvious reason. The two decades after the Second World War were the single period of full employment. Why this happened has never been adequately explained. Nor is there an adequate explanation of the move to part-time working over most of this century. Here Adam Smith's hidden hand seems to have been at work. We have shared work so much that today's full-timers are in what my grandparents would have laughingly called part-time employment.

This simple fact would suggest that expanding employment is not only a matter of a helpful economic theory. Social attitudes are perhaps as important as entrepreneurial skills and a favourable business climate.

Equally important in finding a solution will be the ability to turn a question upside down. Burnett touches on the fall of Britain's share in world trade and a growing loss of the home market as explanations of today's unemployment. Clearly gaining a larger share of world markets is an important part of any successful economic strategy. But might not a more creative approach be to try to build up industries capable of capturing more of the home market? And might not such a strategy offer jobs to many of today's long-term unemployed, the overwhelming majority of whom are male and semi-skilled?

The Burnett book warns implicitly of the dangers of panaceas. Labour's leadership contest has forced into the debate ways of increasing employment. It has thereby brought to an end the deafening silence on this topic of political leaders over the last 15 years. If this debate can be sustained any new edition of *Idle Hands* might — just might — end on a more optimistic note than does the current volume.

Frank Field is MP for Birkenhead (Labour) and chairman of the Select Committee on Social Security. His most recent book is Losing Out: The Emergence of Britain's Underclass *(Blackwell).*

Derwent May discovers the geniality of the mature Auden shining through his schoolboy and undergraduate verse

Still innocent at an age of anxieties

JUVENILIA
Poems 1922-28
By W.H. Auden
Faber. £25

Not long before he died in 1973, W.H. Auden wrote a poem called "A Thanksgiving". He paid homage in it to all the poets he had learnt from — without them, he said, "I couldn't have managed/even my weakest of lines". The trio, he said, that he first turned to as a boy, when he felt that "moorlands and woodlands were sacred" and had not yet fallen in love, were Thomas Hardy, Edward Thomas and Robert Frost.

This new volume of his *Juvenilia*, handsomely edited by Katherine Bucknell, proves how truthful he was. Between the ages of 15, when he decided to become a poet, and 21, he wrote about 200 poems, most of them kept by his mother or, later, by Christopher Isherwood. *In them, you hear the voices of all those poets coming through quite clearly.* An affectionate poem on an old traction engine lying "in thistles attired" catches (especially in that phrase) Hardy's resonant formality of manner: a poem about a rookery that the birds have deserted (probably in the grounds of Auden's school, Gresham's) has precisely Edward Thomas's quiet way of unfolding a strange and chilling experience.

One reviewer of this book has said that the poems in it are so imitative that you would never have imagined Auden would become a good poet. I think exactly the opposite is true. Auden showed from the start what a remarkable gift he had for finding words that would create a certain cadence, or a certain musical pace, that was already ringing in his head. Later he would develop his own appropriate rhythms — but the flair for rhythm that these poems show is what, I think, always first singles out a poet.

Auden also found some good subjects for his schoolboy-naturalist poems, which is what many of these are. In "A Dying House", written in 1925, when he was 18, he is still very much in debt for his tone to Edward Thomas, but he has already spotted the forthcoming victory of the grey squirrel over the red squirrel in England:

I only stopped to watch a
silver squirrel
Chasing a red across the
broken tiles
My odds were on the
English one, I lost.

A point economically made. In these poems he does not give voice to much personal emotion, though there are hints here and there of guilt and fear; but he looks around him and notices things.

Nature was destined to reappear in due course in Auden's work; but in the later poems in this book, written after Auden went up to Oxford, that interest quickly fades. By now he has acknowledged his homosexuality and fallen in love, has read T.S. Eliot with Tom Driberg, and has met Christopher Isherwood. Suddenly the Auden who was to startle and delight the 1930s is coming into sight.

Eliot's voice dominates now. We start getting poems which are no more than a structure of images and allusions, for which a syntax has to be guessed at and from which a meaning has to be teased. The diction is also difficult and provocative — for instance, we find "lovers. . .straining to preserve/ the glabrous suction of goodbye".

However, there are also witty Eliotic couplets, like this detail from the languidly ironic "Easter Monday":

The Lady Venus in her
carriage
Stiffly ignores a canine
marriage.

Auden is throwing off his uneasy boyish romanticism, and feeling his way towards the expression of his own sense of the threats and possibilities of the world he lived in.

The last poems printed in this *Juvenilia* are those that appeared in his first book, called simply *Poems*, and hand-printed in 1928 by another new Oxford friend, Stephen Spender. In the years immediately after that came the work that made Auden famous — poems that spoke with a laconic, modern voice of unemployment and Freud and the threat of war, yet also paid their tribute to love and friendship and art. One of them, the touching "Funeral Blues", was heard in the film *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, and has been speedily reprinted in a small selection of his lyrics, **Tell Me The Truth About Love: Ten Poems** *(Faber, £2.50 pbk)*.

Some people think that the poems of that period were never equalled by the later Auden — and certainly anyone who has once responded to lines like "Roosevelt at the microphone, van der Lubbe laughing./ And our first meeting", or "He walks out briskly to infect a city/ Whose terrible future may have just arrived", will never forget their impact.

Yet going back to those poems, you often find the attention faltering after you have looked at the great, arresting lines again; and I think many of the orderly and happy poems of Auden's second flowering after the war — those poems of which, in "A Thanksgiving", he acknowledged Horace as an inspiration — are just as moving and memorable.

Katherine Bucknell, the editor of the *Juvenilia*, believes Auden's desire for a vision of goodness and happiness in his later life resurrected longings he had had as a boy, and that you can detect these longings in the early poems. I think she reads back into them more than is really there.

But there is something simpler that can be detected both in the elderly Auden and in the boy he once was — a geniality, a modesty, a love of the beauty of a verse.



NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

Auden (right) aged 31 in 1938 with Christopher Isherwood, the friend who preserved much of Auden's early work

Setting poetry's agenda

AGENDA: AN ANTHOLOGY
The First Four Decades
1958-1993
Edited by William Cookson.
Carcanet. £25

In 1956, the 16-year-old William Cookson received a letter from the man he still regards as the greatest poet of modern times. Ezra Pound, then incarcerated in an asylum for the criminally insane, was responding to an enthusiastic review of *The Cantos* which Cookson had written for his school magazine. Two years later, shortly after his release, Pound invited the young man to visit his Italian home. There — ever the pedagogue and impresario — he encouraged Cookson to start a quarterly of his own.

Thirty-five years and several crises later, the product of their conspiracy is still alive and kicking. It is called Agenda and the latest issue (Vol. 31, No. 4-Vol. 32, No. 1) is mainly devoted to the poetry and thought of Kathleen Raine, 86 this month (available at £8 from good bookshops and 5 Cranbourne Court, Albert Bridge Road, London SW11 4PE).

About a third of this issue is given over to other poems and articles, including a group of essays on W.H. Auden. I am

Clive Wilmer

not myself an admirer of Raine's poetry, which seems to me too formulaic for work that is meant to be visionary. But what other publication would dedicate so much attention to so utterly serious a writer, especially one with no call on a popular following?

It needs courage and stubborn independence of mind to maintain a magazine that is so rigorously indifferent to fashion. Those virtues are plainly exemplified in Agenda: An Anthology, which Cookson has now assembled from his nearly four decades as an editor. After a foreword by Grey Gowrie it begins with the "Founders" he has championed — Pound, David Jones, Basil Bunting, Hugh MacDiarmid, William Carlos Williams and Louis Zukofsky. The list also suggests some of Cookson's limitations: these are heroic figures, but not all have worn equally well.

His biggest failure has been his inability to find genuine heirs to the Pound tradition. The secondary figures in the book include several of the best poets currently writing — Geoffrey Hill, Donald Davie, Thom Gunn, Seamus Heaney and C.H. Sisson. But Cookson is also a pushover for the genteel verifying that marks out the English amateur of poetry.

If there is a triumph to compare with the best of the Founders, it must be the brilliant catch of verse translations — which, of course, is deeply Poundian territory. Compelled to select a star from this constellation, I would probably go for the *ballades* of Francois Villon in the craggily musical Scots of Tom Scott. These, like most of Scott's lyrical work — I have less time for his didactic pieces — send electric shocks through my system. Anyone similarly affected should lay hands on another *Agenda* publication, **The Collected Shorter Poems of Tom Scott** *(Agenda, £11.95)*.

Sadly, in the anthology a page of this poem seems to have gone astray — but then the smoother side of publishing has never been *Agenda*'s strongest suit. The roughness, though, is part of what one value.

CROSSWORD CHALLENGE: DAY 5

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THE FIFTH SIX CLUES, WEEK 2

ACROSS

17 *Tribe, say, tortured old Greek luxury-lover (8)*
21 *Rejected MI5 from spite (5)*
24 *Ambassador with money gets religious picture, The Mount of the Muses (7)*

DOWN

7 *One suffers over non-physical sort of love, according to a version of Greek philosophy (11)*
14 *Go over operation of holiday firm (6,6)*
22 *Nestor may get involved in this place on Mount Athos (9)*

Rescued from rubble

DRUMMOND Allison is the forgotten man among the English poets of the Second World War. Killed in Italy, at the age of 22, during the assault on Monte Camino in December 1943, he never attained the fame of Sidney Keyes, Keith Douglas, or Alun Lewis.

At the time of his death, his poems had appeared only in a few obscure periodicals and anthologies at Oxford, where he had been an undergraduate. A single posthumous slim volume, *The Yellow Night* (1944), issued by a small publisher and hardly reviewed, served just about to keep his name alive among his peers.

Now, at long last, 50 years on, we have a proper **Collected Poems of Drummond Allison**, edited and introduced by Stephen Benson, present headmaster of Bishop's Stortford College, the poet's old school. The book, a true labour of love, costs £11.99, and is available direct from the college *(10 Maze Green Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 2QZ)*.

In case that makes it sound amateurish, I might add that it is produced to standards which would be the envy of any commercial publisher, well bound, on good paper, and with photographic illustrations in its biographical section. In addition to collecting all Allison's known poems, it also includes in an appendix his own notes on them. The school and its headmaster have done their poet-hero proud.

"He always moved at a gallop and words spilled out of him as though they could hardly keep up with his thoughts." The friend, Paulina Nichol, who remembered Allison's physical presence like that could equally well be talking about his verse. The strength of this poet is most apparent in a gift for making something sensuous of his thought.

At his best, as in "The Brass Horse", he achieves a kind of thinking music, passion made over into sinewy song. Even the more plainly immature poems, such as "Mistaken Identity", about his own poethood, go at this gallop. It is a blurted-out poetry, urgent and awkward, not quite like anyone else's, before or since.

In one poem, "Verity", he has the famous Yorkshire and England spin bowler shaping up to God on a heavenly pitch, quite without feyness:

Run up again, as gravely smile
as ever,
Veer without fear your left
unlucky arm
In His so dark direction, but no
length
However lovely can disturb the
harm
That is His style, defer the
winning drive
Or shake the crowd from their
uproarious calm.



Judith Wright: universal

It ought to be ridiculous, but it is not.

What saves Allison from absurdity is what makes him good: the unmissable authenticity of his feelings, for which he finds a personal rhythm and a diction all his own. "Love's Milanese" and "Dedication" are love poems of uncommon truthfulness, while "Yorktown Gate Guard (to Cynthia)" must surely have influenced the young Thom Gunn both in style and substance.

Writing to his mother, Allison defined his own predicament: "What is there for the poet to put his feet on, and where does he find anything immune from time's depredations? Only in the hardness and vigour and intense interest of *matter*." It is that spiritual attention to the material world which gives his work durability. It made him search always for the right word and the appropriate rhythm, however awkward the results. The measured self-appraisal of "An Epitaph" gets his own achievement about right:

He at any rate knew the
certainty
Of the second best's thick utility,
He was the healthy but ugly
baby
The exam-passer but never the
swot
The restrained lover uneasy in
great heat
The man who made fifty.

This book contains Drummond Allison's "fifty", his modest but unique contribution to English poetry; no one who cares for the real thing can afford to be without it.

Nor will any such reader want to miss Judith Wright's **Collected Poems** *(Carcanet, £25)*. An Australian poet of international standing, Wright published her first volume in 1946 and has gone on adding quietly to a body of work at once antipodean in imagery but universal in its concerns.

The intensely personal early verse has perhaps more force than the more generally philosophical questionings of recent years, but at her best, as in "The Company of Lovers", she fuses the personal and the social, and avoids abstract statement by keeping her voice small and particular. "Brothers and Sisters" and "At Cooloolah" do for Australia what Wallace Stevens did for North America, using local habitation to give a name to *musings about human nature* which might strike a chord with anyone anywhere.

Wright has been more acknowledged than read outside her native land, but she rewards the closest attention. A lifetime's devotion to the craft of poetry, marked by a music which moves easily from the lyrical to the meditative, makes this a book to cherish.

Those setting out to buy and read the English poets for themselves could do worse than to pay £5.99 each for the latest additions to the paperback Oxford Poetry Library, all under the general editorship of Frank Kermode. The texts are plain and notes are kept at the back where they belong.

The poets newly available in this series are **Wordsworth, Byron, Pope, Sidney, Dryden, Coleridge, Marvell** and **Hardy**. The Hardy volume omits two key poems, "In Front of the Landscape" and "On a Midsummer Eve", but otherwise the selections are excellent, and the books real value for money.

ROBERT NYE



For her 1916 portrait, Friederike Beer wore a Wiener Werkstätte dress, while Klimt recited Dante. Christian Nebehay recalls the artist and his circle in *Gustav Klimt* (Thames & Hudson, £45)

Designer artists and their crafts

John Russell Taylor

TEXTILES OF THE WIENER WERKSTÄTTE, 1910-1932
By Angela Völker
Thames & Hudson, £45

As some Norma Desmond of the art world might have observed, it's not the arts that have got bigger, it's the artists that have got smaller. It is extraordinary that, even today, when the boundaries of fine art have been extended and extended to include the likes of performance art, video art and installation art, it is still possible (even, in certain circles, required) to be superior about mere crafts.

It sometimes seems as though all the great offshoots of the crafts revival at the beginning of the century have, by its end, withered away: all the hopes of Morris's followers (not to mention Steiner's) that arts and crafts and politics and religion would all somehow come together into one great concept of life suffused and impregnated in all its aspects with art have come to nothing.

Where did we go wrong? To look back to the Bauhaus and, earlier and less well-known these days, the Wiener Werkstätte, is a lesson in humility. The main point of the Wiener Werkstätte was that it observed no practical distinction between art and craft, or, more precisely, between the artist and the craftsman. Around the turn of the century in Vienna, even the loftiest of artists do not seem to have thought it beneath them to turn their hand to a bit of costume design, the designing of house interiors and their fittings, right down to the last fork.

The applied arts were, quite literally, that: art which was applied to some unmistakably practical use. The difference between fine and applied was largely a matter of the end product, rather than a reflection on the amount of creativity put into the initial concept.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the textiles of the Wiener Werkstätte. Just looking at the pictures in Angela Völker's scholarly and fact-filled book, it is impossible not to be constantly struck by how amazingly timeless most of these designs are. The secret is that for once they were not happening somewhere on the periphery of art, but right at the cutting edge.

If one remembers that abstraction was in the air at least since 1900, that Cuno Amiet produced his first unmistakably abstract painting in 1905 and Kandinsky the first "official" abstract a couple of years later, the centrality of much of the textile design going on before, during and just after the setting up of the Werkstätte in 1910 becomes evident. These designs exist for the most part right on the hazy borderline between recognisable representation and uncompromising geometrical abstraction. They are a way (quite possibly unconscious) of sneaking abstraction into the awareness of the general public without setting too many alarm bells ringing.

Though such well-known figures as Klimt do find their way into this book, its real heroes are people like Josef Hoffmann, the architect and designer who spanned the transition from Art Nouveau to Art Deco, and his colleague Dagobert Peche.

It is one of art history's injustices that Peche is not better known. Völker very properly praises his "seemingly limitless powers of formal invention", which are amply illustrated. Though a revival of interest in him was set rolling by an exhibition in Vienna in 1987, there seems little doubt that had he not died so young (at 36) and had he been French instead of Austrian, he would have received much more serious attention by now. Of course, he was only a designer. To echo Cézanne on Monet: "But what a designer."

The Glasgow Four, or the spook school

Ian McIntyre praises a fine study of Charles Rennie Mackintosh's coterie of fin de siècle artists

PART SEEN, PART IMAGINED
Meaning and Symbolism in the Work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh and Margaret Macdonald
By Timothy Neat
Canongate Press, £25

In the autumn of 1891 the Glasgow School of Art held an exhibition of student work. The first prize went to a 25-year-old police officer's son for some watercolours done on a tour of Italy. One of the assessors was the painter Sir James Guthrie. When he heard that the winner was an architectural student he turned to the School's Director and said, "But hang it, this man ought to be an artist!"

The man was Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Although he was more influential in Germany and Austria than in this country (he was to inspire such *Jugendstil* architects as Josef Maria Olbrich and Josef Hoffmann), he became one of the most significant architects of his generation. His most celebrated work is the Glasgow School of Art, with its huge north-facing studio windows, but he is also remembered for the Willow Tea Rooms, where he gave expression to his flair for stylised interior design, and for some outstanding domestic architecture: "Very much what Le Corbusier did in his late works," wrote Pevsner, "only without their brutality."

One of his disappointments was his failure to win the design competition for Liverpool's Anglican cathedral. It is tantalising to speculate what he would have made of the sort of opportunity which the Church of the Sagrada Familia gave to Gaudi in Barcelona — the result would certainly have been very different from the neo-Gothic certainties of Giles Gilbert Scott.

Sir James Guthrie need not have worried, however. Mackintosh was incapable of separating art from architecture — indeed, he always considered that he was an artist before he was an architect or a designer. And, in his Scottish way, a fiercely independent one. "Go alone," he exhorted his audience in a 1902 lecture. "Crawl-stumble-stagger-but go alone." It was advice he himself consistently observed, often to his discomfort.

Although Mackintosh rarely showed his work, he painted all his life. In the 1890s his watercolours were mainly symbolic and experimental — others found them incomprehensible. Later, when architectural commissions were harder to come by, he took up his brushes again and developed an entirely new vocabulary in his formalised flower studies and landscapes. Salvador Dali, a warm admirer of these late watercolours, called him "a much greater artist than Cezanne".

Timothy Neat's absorbing and challenging book is concerned primarily with the early symbolic works and with the nature and significance of Mackintosh's artistic collaboration with his wife, Margaret Mampes Macdonald. *Part Seen, Imagined Part* is the title of a strikingly beautiful architectonic watercolour which Mackintosh presented to Margaret in 1896, but it also aptly describes the technique Neat has devised to scan the paintings for concealed images and private symbolism.

Mackintosh cannot be considered in isolation. Margaret and her sister Frances had their own design workshop (they displayed a strong interest in the fantastic and the macabre: a Glasgow wag dubbed them "The Spook School"). Frances married Mackintosh's chaotic and rebellious friend Herbert McNair. They became known as the Glasgow Four, and Neat sensibly embraces the work of the group as a whole.

Neat possesses two advantages sometimes mysteriously denied to those whose trade it is to write about art — his prose style is felicitous and uncluttered and he has read widely in other disciplines. John Berger, who contributes an afterword, compares him to a private eye; his investigations have certainly led him far from the grey streets of Mackintosh's native city.

He explores Egyptian, Druidic and Celtic mythology and the cloudy reaches of Rosicrucian philosophy; he examines the influence of Ruskin and Wilde, of Yeats and Maeterlink, and of symbolist poetry and deisgn; he ponders the impact on the work of the Four of Darwinian theory, clan tradition and human sexuality. (A careless editor has allowed a Joycean addition to the vocabulary of sex to slip through: "This princess sleeps calmly. Her hands rest deliciously together over her pubenda . . .")

Neat also traces the influence exerted by the Glasgow Four on European painting. In his analysis of Frances Macdonald's watercolour *The Sleeping Princess*, for instance, illustrated in *The Yellow Book* in 1895, he notes that although Gustav Klimt made no use of abstract plant forms to decorate the female figure before 1896, there are numerous examples after that. *The Yellow Book* was very popular in Vienna, and Neat points to a possible influence on the development of Klimt's mature style. It was also in Vienna, at the Secessionist Exhibition of 1900, that the Mackintoshes exhibited, to great acclaim, their famous "room".

In the matter of Mackintosh as a furniture designer I must confess to a small heresy — I have never been too keen on his famous high-backed chairs. They have often, as Neat concedes, been criticised as both uncomfortable and unfunctional, and they do not become less so when he assures us that "a chair's symbolic meaning is fulfilled only by the presence of a sitter" or that all who sit in one particular chair (*The Argyle Street Chair with Bird Motif*) "are blessed by association with powerful spiritual forces". A stiff bottom is still a stiff bottom, even when acquired through active participation in the marking of a symbolic statement.

That is a small quibble, quickly swept away by the enthusiasm, the intelligence and the passion with which Neat illuminates the mysterious and haunting beauty of the early watercolours. The book, beautifully printed in Slivenia, is notable for the quality of the colour reproductions. *Canongate Press have given us the most important book on Mackintosh since Thomas Howarth's Mackintosh and the Modern Movement first appeared in 1952.*

■This Saturday, *Weekend Times* features Glasgow, including Mackintosh's Willow Tea Rooms.



Part Seen, Imagined Part (1896): Mackintosh's watercolour of his wife, Margaret Macdonald

Filial paternalism

Erica Wagner

THE PARTISAN
By Benjamin Cheever
Hamish Hamilton, £15.99

If Benjamin Cheever cannot escape his parentage, we can, at least, all be glad that he has the skill to use his life in his art. It is notable that, as with his first novel, his second is dominated by a father figure who is a famous author and contains a son nagged by doubt, not only of his worth, but in *The Partisan*, of his provenance. Is Nelson Ballard simply the adopted son of Jonas Collingwood — or is there more to it than that?

Jonas is a successful writer: or at least, his novels are greeted with enthusiastic and scholarly reviews. This is not matched by financial success, and he is able to keep his wife and his two adopted children, Nelson and his tearaway younger sister, Narcissus, thanks only to the generosity of the mighty Rockefeller family, on whose estate in upstate New York they live.

But then an article appears in the *Herald Tribune* hinting that Jonas's most recent book was in fact a veiled memoir of his adventures with the Italian resistance during the war. Before Jonas knows what has hit him, his publishers have been bought out and he is offered a $250,000 to write the truth.



Cheever: father complex?

Truth fascinates Cheever. Half-lies and unspoken truths are the bricks with which we build our lives, and Cheever is a novelist who, with a light and often very amusing hand, delights in chipping away the mortar that holds the structure together. Nelson, our narrator, is a young man content to construct his own reality. He has no interest in his real parents, but calls his adoptive ones Uncle and Aunt and does not even share their surname.

He is stuck in a dead-end job on the free-ads pages of a giveaway local paper and dreams of a career in advertising where the truth can be twisted like so much rope. He loves a girl he never sees and makes her almost completely a creature of his imagination.

As in *The Plagiarist*, it is money that changes everything: with Jonas's huge advance comes, too, a "handsome stranger", a "Waspy Adonis", bearing Trojan gifts of expensive coffee and delicate croissants that ingratiate him into the Collingwood family. He is a putative biographer, a seeker of revelation and the "real truth". It does not occur to Jonas that biography and death walk hand in hand.

This is an intriguing, subtle novel which confirms Benjamin Cheever as a skilled novelist in his own right, if such proof were needed. He has an eye for the tiny details that make up the real truth of life, the things we remember as both funny and poignant and absolutely right.

Nelson, going out with Jonas to repair their ancient car, sees that he "carried the small crescent wrench in his teeth. That was one of the qualities that made Jonas so hard to dismiss. Even in his old age, he would carry things in his mouth if he had to."

It is these details of character that really make our lives, and Cheever reveals them to us again and again like a sleight-of-hand artist with a pack of cards.

The truth is that truth is elusive, and may not exist at all: the danger, as Jonas knows, is in confusing biography with art. Cheever is an artist, and no mistake.

One-way ticket to oblivion

Edward Marriott

THE DEAD HEART
By Douglas Kennedy
Little, Brown £15.99

DOUGLAS Kennedy's novel, *The Dead Heart*, is about running away. Kennedy, a journalist with three travel books to his name, begins in the time-honoured and now rather tired travel writer fashion. The hero, Nick Hawthorne, an American journalist who wants to "get off the hack treadmill for a while and disappear into the great wide open", wanders round Boston, finds a map of Australia, is attracted by its emptiness and buys a one-way ticket to Darwin.

Initially, Kennedy's travel writer's eye serves him well. The picture of Darwin as "a sub-tropical suburbia with titshows" is suitably damning. From then on, however, credibility is increasingly strained. Nick buys a VW van from two born-again Christians and sets off. He picks up a hitch-hiker, Angie, who loses no time in throwing him into the back of his van and beginning a "suction assault on my chest with her lips".

After gymnastic sex in the back of his van, the details of which we are mercifully spared, and endless drinking bouts followed by ballistic hangovers, Angie drugs Nick and drives him through the desert to Wollanup, an outback town so small it has long since been erased from civic memory. It is a terrifying place.

The brutes who comprise Wollanup's government, army and judiciary, who've abolished money in favour of a cinema-ticket currency, make it clear that Nick will be shot if he tries to flee.

As Nick puzzles out a plan of escape from his *Mad Max* hell, Kennedy creates powerful suspense. How will he get out? Kennedy combines this build-up with a talent for picking on minimal descriptions that say much more. In particular he treats the Australian male with a gratifying cruelty.

The Dead Heart is written with a street-cred chumminess that seems quite in keeping with the author as photographed on the dust jacket — a smirking thirtysomething with a glossy leather jacket and black denim shirt buttoned to the collar — but which never quite convinces.

The book falls between too many stools. The dead heart of the title hints at a *Heart of Darkness* rite of passage, but Kennedy never digs that deep. It is, at best, an adventure story, briefly thrilling, but slight.

Dead souls' revenge

Julia Pascal

THE UNLOVED
By Deborah Levy
Jonathan Cape, £13.99

Deborah Levy began her career as a playwright and director. This, her third novel, is a startling work. Using a classic Agatha Christie *Murder In The Dark* genre — an Englishwoman is murdered by a house guest in a French chateau — Levy upends the formula. She doesn't care who murders the body. It's the death of the soul which counts.

Freefalling through third person narrative, playlet and diary, the book is split into three sections and Levy changes point of view so often that, on a first reading, it is not always clear inside whose skin she is at any particular moment. The strongest area of the book is the middle section set in Algiers during the war of independence.

In her foreword, Levy offers a loving dedication to Franz Fanon, honouring his influence. Levy depicts the brutal struggle for Algerian independence mainly through women's eyes, using the FLN guerrilla Yasmina as a focus. Yasmina at 14 is already spiritually dead, traumatised by the vision of her brother's castration and slaughter by a French soldier. She avenges the sight of her brother lying dead and mutilated by killing as many of the French colonists as she can.

Levy follows Yasmina's journey into guerrilla action and the novel depicts scenes which seem to be lifted directly from Pontecorvo's film *The Battle of Algiers*. Yasmina bleaches her hair to appear a *pied noir*, she flirts with a French soldier at the security gate, she orders a Coke in a bar and leaves her bag of death for the jitterbugging teenagers. All are familiar scenes true to the 1965 screenplay.



Levy: horrifying violence

If Levy is paying tribute to Fanon and Pontecorvo, she is also remembering Henry Miller. Miller's image of putting coins in a woman's vagina before intercourse is satirised by Levy: she depicts Wilhelm's predilection for placing the wedding ring in the vagina of the English-woman Mary's vagina before masturbating her.

Levy also refers to Kerouac, but her road book is from the betrayed woman's point of view. Jane and Jim, a couple of hip roadies, drop out in Algiers in the late 1950s. Jane the once-loved wife becomes Jane the cuckold as she watches her husband with Yasmina. "I mean what must it be like to be a beautiful man in a man's world?"

Again and again Levy returns to the ritual murder of the soul. Levy's living dead are the unloved of the title: Monika, who is inseminated in a Gdansk shipyard by an unknown rapist during the anti-Jaruzelski strikes of 1980; Luciana, the robot-like Italian whose body is a heroin-den and who allows the investigating Inspector Blanc to violate her body with a knife.

Levy's world is horrifyingly violent, but she describes this dead European culture with a compelling, cool precision, always paring her language, never judging and even — unexpectedly amongst all this brutality — occasionally raising a smile. Monika, in her imagination, kills a man 52 times, then "suddenly yearns for silver herring on a piece of rye".

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Bowlers charged with act of delivery

John Woodcock says England must sharpen their attack if they are to effect a revival of flagging fortunes

The days when England bowled, more often than not, like first-rate professionals are becoming a distant memory. Until they return, only the occasional Test match will be won, though some, like that starting today at the Oval, will provide a better chance than others. Ironic though it may be, England usually appear more at home in Kennington than at their St John's Wood headquarters.

Kepler Wessels's South Africans, wary when they came, are close to carrying off the honours. In the three years since they came back into Test cricket they have become practised survivors. They are not outstandingly gifted, so they must be immensely resolute. Man for man, even the England players who lost the first Test at Lord's by a humiliating 356 runs were every bit as talented as their opposite numbers, arguably more so, as well as being considerably more experienced. In the second Test, England boasted 310 caps among them to South Africa's 185.

> Wessels has two of the world's best fast bowlers

Yet even when South Africa were in deep trouble in their first innings at Headingley (105 for five and still 372 runs behind with more than two and a half days left) they were quietly confident of making good their escape. This was not arrogance on their part so much as reason. When it comes to maintaining pressure, whether in the field or with the bat, they have found England to be less tenacious opponents than Australia, and when they say that they are not talking simply about Australia's supremacy as sledgers. Shane Warne has something to do with it, no doubt, but it is a commentary, overall, on English cricket. England lack conviction, though the way Graham Thorpe is batting should help here, as would the return of Mike Gatting. It is such a pity Michael Atherton is not Lancashire's captain as well as England's, with the further opportunities that would give him of glimpsing tactical options and realising that the five-day game is about more than attrition.

The only at-all regular England captain not to have been, or become, a county captain, in this century anyway, was Len Hutton, although another of the game's knights, G. O. Allen, who also took the England side to Australia, never led Middlesex. Every bit as much as the game's other disciplines, captaincy needs to be practised.

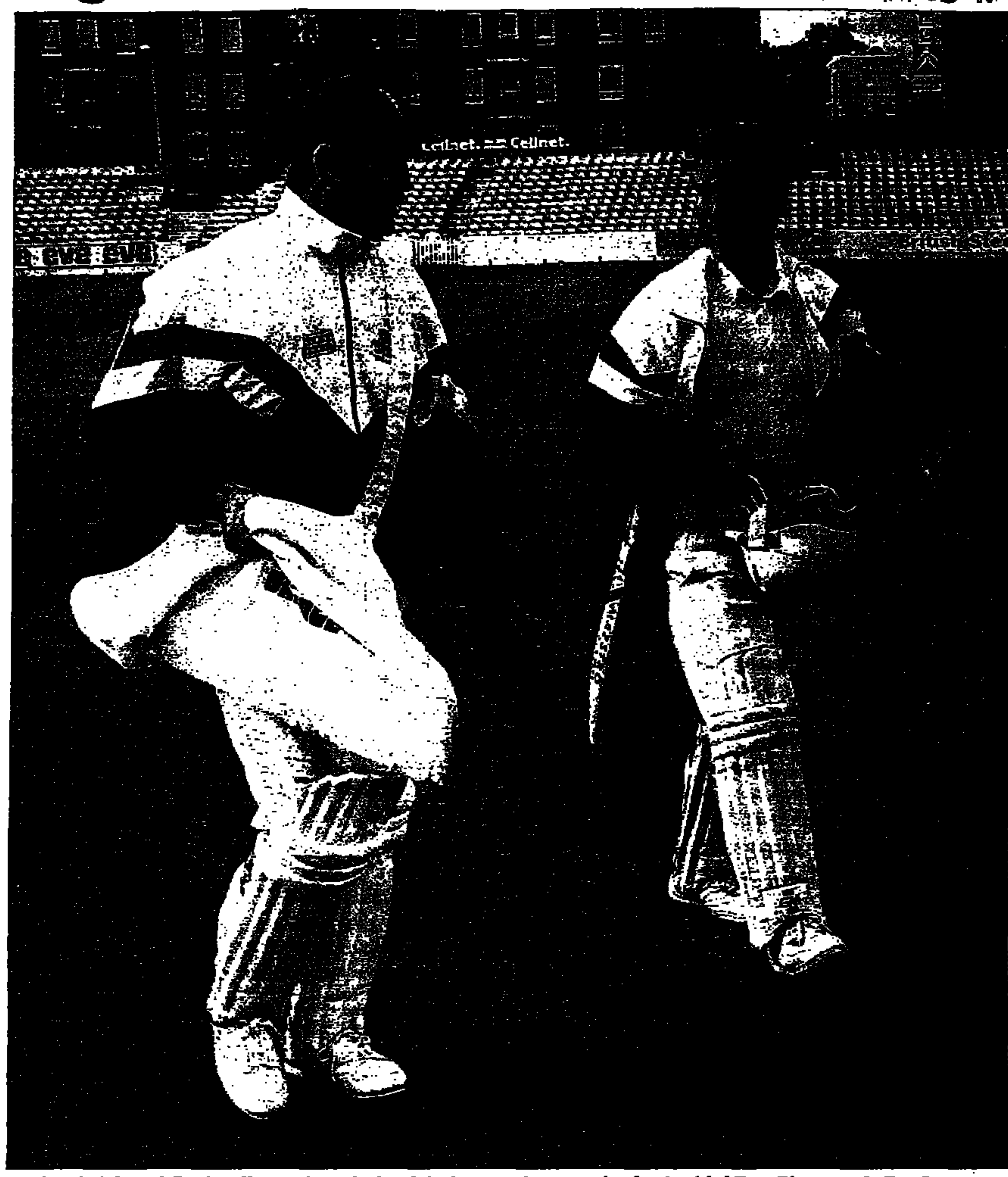
West Indies are about to benefit from the chance Courtney Walsh has had of leading Gloucestershire this season. The experience will enable him to feel much more at ease when he takes the West Indies side to India in a few weeks' time. Dermot Reeve, too, is becoming better by the day at pulling the strings and taking calculated risks now that he is in regular charge of Warwickshire. He clearly has a good cricket brain and the imagination to go with it.

The only first-class sides Atherton has led, so far, are Cambridge University and a struggling England. He needs another, less restrictive platform from which to search for new horizons. Wessels leads him in the present series, chiefly because in Allan Donald and Fanie de Villiers he has two of the best fast bowlers in the world, since the start of time the nucleus of a winning side.

There has been much talk about the re-emergence of Gatting, the most successful, if not the most discreet, of the four Test captains in the England 13. If he were to get a game, which seems unlikely, and to make runs, he would go to Australia almost for sure, and the party would be the better informed and more buoyant for having him in it. To my mind, it was a mistake to discard him after the Lord's Test last year when he made 59 in England's second innings before being horribly unlucky with a leg-before decision. The Australians were gratified, I know, that the more mercurial Robin Smith was the one to be spared and Gatting the one to be dropped.

Over the past 12 years, Gatting's record in English cricket is second to none. His average in that time is 65 and shows no signs of declining. Gooch's is fractionally less. There is no fitter 37-year-old in the game than Gatting. He remainsa formidable cricketer. When the season started, he reckoned he would need to score four double-hundreds to be in the reckoning for Australia. He has scored two, and Raymond Illingworth, who "shares the stern joy which warriors feel", has, as it were, waived the others.

Atherton, too, may have come to realise that in the ever-harder school of Test cricket, youth and experience make a better blend than youth and more youth. But his bowlers still have to do their stuff: they have still to make a habit of bowling more regularly like true professionals before England starts to thrive again.



Gooch, left, and Gatting discuss the task ahead during practice yesterday for the third Test. Photograph: Des Jenson

Championship contenders under pressure

By Simon Wilde

WARWICKSHIRE'S failure to take more than six points from their last two matches suggests that the Britannic Assurance county cricket championship is there for the taking if any one of several challengers can now display the necessary pedigree and perseverance.

Unfortunately, not many of them seem well-equipped to do so. In the past fortnight, Essex, Leicestershire, Somerset, Surrey and Sussex, all of whom occupy positions in the top seven, have revealed their vulnerability under pressure.

Only Nottinghamshire, who lie fourth, have held firm. They have just beaten Leicestershire and Warwickshire, whose defeat at Edgbaston on Monday was their first in the competition this season, and must be confident of winning again at Kidderminster, where they take on Worcestershire today.

Nottinghamshire may be led by one of the more unadventurous captains on the circuit in Tim Robinson but they have a team untroubled by international calls. Their hopes may rest on the fitness of their first-choice players: their two defeats since mid-June both occurred when they were without key men, notably Paul Johnson, who missed both through illness.

If Warwickshire are going to stay at the head of the table they must rediscover against Yorkshire today the extraordinary self-belief that has carried them through so many championship matches this season. A Yorkshire team shorn of Gough and distracted by confusion in the committee room may appear a soft target but Warwickshire's bowlers have taken only 12 wickets in their last 322 championship overs and they will probably find little to help them in the Scarborough pitch.

Moreover, both Reeve, whose groin strain has returned, and Paul Smith, who is being saved for the Sunday league fixture, will be absent. Douglas Brown and Richard Davis have been called up as replacements. Warwickshire may also be without Brian Lara, whose long-standing left knee injury is still troubling him.

Lara, who says he is concerned that the problem may affect his commitments with West Indies, saw a specialist yesterday but he was not so concerned that the injury prevented him playing in a pro-am golf tournament at the Forest of Arden club in the morning.

The Sussex committee decided yesterday to take no action over the decision of Norman Gifford, the cricket manager, and Alan Wells, the captain, to omit all the first-choice bowlers from the Sunday league match with Derbyshire four days ago. Members had protested at the action, which was taken to conserve the players' energies for the championship match the following day.

Sussex meet Leicestershire at Grace Road in perhaps the most important match of the round. Leicestershire recall Ben Smith at the expense of Tim Boon. Surrey, who have lost their last two matches but are still third, may struggle against Hampshire if Stewart, Thorpe and Benjamin are all chosen by England.

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Warwicks (16)	13	8	1	4	33	39	200
Leics (9)	12	7	4	1	36	43	191
Surrey (6)	13	7	5	1	25	45	182
Notts (7)	13	7	3	3	27	41	180
Essex (11)	13	6	4	3	28	47	171
Sussex (10)	13	6	3	4	25	44	165
Somerset (5)	13	6	5	2	27	39	162
Middlesex (1)	13	5	2	6	31	44	155
Kent (8)	13	4	6	3	32	46	142
Northants (4)	13	5	4	4	18	37	135
Lancashire (13)	12	6	4	2	21	42	134
Derbyshire (15)	13	4	7	2	21	41	126
Gloucs (17)	13	3	7	3	18	48	122
Durham (18)	13	3	9	1	27	44	119
Hampshire (13)	12	3	5	4	18	38	112
Worcs (2)	12	2	5	5	28	42	102
Yorkshire (12)	12	2	5	5	25	40	97
Glamorgan (3)	12	1	6	5	25	33	74

(1993 positions in brackets)

Gloucestershire and Hampshire records include eight points for drawn matches in which scores finished level.

Lancashire deducted 25 points because of unsuitable pitch

THE LEADING SCORES IN THE TIMES FIRST-CLASS XI GAME

Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts
1	Chapelshire (Mr A J Hodgson)	14,370
2	Willcox's XI (Ian Willcox)	14,324
3	Lots Of Points XI (Mr S M McGregor)	14,267
4	Man Utd Cricket 11 (Matthew Lightfoot)	14,192
5	Nathan & Jordan CC (Graeme Cennell)	14,149
6	Shropshire B (Dan Field)	14,141
7	Simply The Best (Michael H Deinchs)	14,124
8	Duke Merley's XI (Robin Johnson)	14,084
9	One Bounce Four XI (S Hallbrook)	14,073
10	Elm Bank (R Chapman)	14,069
11	Kurz No 14 (Neil Kurz)	13,996
12	Grim Reaper's XI (Mr Richard Lloyd)	13,996
13	Richie's Hat (Mark Thompson)	13,960
14	Browman Motion (David Mercer)	13,947
15	M P XI (Mr M Potts)	13,946
16	Lewis Icc (Darren Hudson)	13,935
17	Bad Boys Eleven (Mr Hector Chisholm)	13,925
18	Cowabunga 1 (Mr Christopher D J Walker)	13,906
19	Murph's Marvels (Chris Murphy)	13,894
20	Harrogate Arms (Andrew Dobby)	13,883
21	Terry's XI (Matthew Terry)	13,881
22	Housan's XI (R J Perry)	13,881
23	Herbery Long Hops (S J House)	13,880
24	Howe's That XI (T J Howe)	13,869
25	The Clangers (David Atkinson)	13,866
26	Kenshire CC (Mr J E Griffin)	13,853
27	East Belfastshire (Alan McQuitty)	13,852
28	Scrummagers (J D Marsh)	13,817
29	Beamershire (Ben Sammons)	13,816
30	Silly Pointless (Dr B I Hnyda)	13,809
31	Hove Champrons (David Barker)	13,802
32	Wednesdayshire (Mr Andy Hibberd)	13,792
33	Worth A Shout (M J Culland)	13,785
34	The Winning Team (Mr M J Stuckey)	13,781
35	Stour Star (Michael Stour)	13,772
36	Canmore XI (Thomas G Laing)	13,770
37	What No Gower (Mr Justin Latham)	13,768
38	Mungret (Mr Warren Hepples)	13,762
39	Gold Diggers Of 33 (E A Bowsher)	13,756
40	Norfolk Nitwits (I R Nelson)	13,753
41	Knowles XI (Mr John Knowles)	13,753
42	'Wanna' Be Champions! (Robert D Drill)	13,750
43	Barwick's Bunnies (Philip Eidman)	13,741
44	Smart's XI (Alexander Smart)	13,738
45	Kurz No 16 (Neil Kurz)	13,734
46	Achilles Heel XI (J E G Pile)	13,716
47	Trousers First XI (J D Taylor Firth)	13,697
48	Noonans Not Out (Martin John Royle)	13,696
49	Hotonshire CCC (Anthony Salz)	13,692
50	Top Hole XI (J M Robertson)	13,689
51	Bowled Pringle 0 (Mr Ian Carne)	13,689
52	Ed's Eccentrics (Edward MacLaren)	13,685
53	The Last Wicket (John Le Poidevin)	13,685
54	The Spin Elite (Eamonn Morley)	13,683
55	I Am Aussie Bound (Mark Jeffery)	13,681
56	Class From The Past (Mark Liddiard)	13,679
57	A Touch Of Class (C E Crossland)	13,676
58	April Fools (M Roebuck)	13,675
59	New Lancashire (Nick Bloxham)	13,673
60	Pak Azad CC (Mr S Mohammed)	13,669
61	Glos Trialists (Kevin Peacock)	13,666
62	Bilko Wonders 2 (Stephen A Bilton)	13,661
63	Capman's XI (Thomas Capman)	13,661
64	The Titanic CC (Nicholas Orlando Ran)	13,656
65	Meadlesex V (D J Mead)	13,654
66	Dave's Ravers (David Winteler)	13,653
67	Kate's Crackers (Kate MacLaren)	13,650
68	Wiskeshire (Mr R B Cave)	13,636
69	Hilstead 5th (Patrick Murphy)	13,629
70	The Ashley Arms (M Davis)	13,627
71	Beware Of The Pog (Thomas Hamilton)	13,626
72	The Ethiopians (Ian Cook)	13,625
73	Sertin's XI (Mr James Sertin)	13,619
74	In The Deep VIII (Mr David Tweed)	13,614
75	Dad's Eleven (James Hill)	13,609
76	The King's Men (Mike Aitken)	13,609
77	Birkby Sma Cyc (M Knight)	13,608
78	Talent Will Out (Paul S Philips)	13,602
79	The Run Inn XI (Simon Taylor)	13,601
80	Summer Please (Mr Eddie Hewitt)	13,599
81	Nich's Pirates (N O Durrant)	13,595
82	A Summer's Dream (Brett Gordon)	13,594
83	English Winners? (Mr Justin Latham)	13,578
84	Grobi's 2nd XI (Mr L H Baker)	13,576
85	Woofham 1st XI (D Mothersill)	13,572
86	Ostler's Eleven (Mr G H Ostler)	13,571
87	Colintrane CC (David Houston)	13,571
88	Champshire (Mr A Heppell)	13,564
89	Thomas' XI (Steffan Thomas)	13,562
90	Boutros XI (John Buckle)	13,560
91	Lousy Losers XI (Kevin Cooper)	13,558
92	Greendale XI (R Fielder)	13,557
93	Xanthamgum XI (Hugh J Taylor)	13,556
94	Rovers Return (Mrs H Gatenby)	13,555
95	Cricketology (Hugh Curteis)	13,548
96	Altrincham First (Mr R J Barker)	13,547
97	Winton Wanderers (Matthew Perry)	13,544
98	Lancs Flyers (Guy Kempston)	13,541
99	Love Not Out 75 (Jon Rawnsley)	13,541
100	Legs Eleven (Mr Robin Baker)	13,537

THE TIMES FIRST-CLASS XI SCOREBOARD

Scores in brackets relate to the Fourth Innings game, which started on August 10; others relate to the season-long game. Figures include all matches completed by August 15.

Batsmen (001-113)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total		Inj
C J Adams (001)	883	(37)	0	(0)	883	(37)	N
J C Adams (002)	830	(4)	22	(3)	1270	(64)	N
G F Archer (003)	611	(41)	0	(0)	611	(41)	N
Asif Din (004)	107	(0)	0	(0)	107	(0)	N
M A Atherton (005)	704	(23)	0	(0)	704	(23)	N
C W J Athey (006)	918	(14)	1	(0)	938	(14)	N
R J Bailey (007)	784	(53)	6	(0)	904	(53)	N
K J Barnett (008)	724	(35)	8	(0)	884	(35)	N
M R Benson (009)	708	(0)	0	(0)	708	(0)	N
D J Bicknell (010)	1108	(72)	0	(0)	1108	(72)	N
T J Boon (011)	422	(29)	0	(0)	422	(29)	N
P D Bowler (012)	424	(77)	0	(0)	424	(77)	N
N E Briers (013)	1000	(37)	0	(0)	1000	(37)	N
B C Broad (014)	496	(0)	0	(0)	496	(0)	N
A D Brown (015)	884	(52)	0	(0)	884	(52)	N
D Byas (016)	1104	(144)	2	(0)	1144	(144)	N
J D Carr (017)	937	(171)	0	(0)	937	(171)	N
P A Cottey (018)	1032	(112)	1	(0)	1052	(112)	N
G R Cowdrey (019)	401	(38)	0	(0)	401	(38)	N
R M F Cox (020)	114	(0)	0	(0)	114	(0)	N
J P Crawley (021)	1206	(5)	0	(0)	1206	(5)	N
M A Crawley (022)	172	(0)	1	(0)	192	(0)	N
T S Curtis (023)	737	(28)	0	(0)	737	(28)	N
J A Daley (024)	289	(20)	0	(0)	289	(20)	N
W A Dessaur (025)	154	(0)	0	(0)	154	(0)	N
D B D'Oliveira (026)	89	(0)	5	(0)	189	(0)	N
N H Fairbrother (027)	788	(65)	0	(0)	788	(65)	N
N A Felton (028)	445	(0)	0	(0)	445	(0)	N
N A Folland (029)	671	(37)	0	(0)	671	(37)	N
A Fordham (030)	516	(79)	0	(0)	516	(79)	N
G Fowler (031)	227	(0)	0	(0)	227	(0)	N
J E R Gallian (032)	874	(58)	10	(1)	1074	(78)	N
M W Gatting (033)	1310	(2)	2	(0)	1350	(2)	N
G A Gooch (034)	1478	(0)	3	(0)	1538	(0)	N
A P Grayson (035)	737	(146)	8	(0)	897	(146)	N
K Greenfield (036)	61	(0)	0	(0)	61	(0)	N
J W Hall (037)	669	(0)	0	(0)	669	(0)	N
T H C Hancock (038)	722	(18)	3	(0)	782	(18)	N
R J Harden (039)	895	(81)	0	(0)	895	(81)	N
A N Hayhurst (040)	1039	(80)	9	(0)	1219	(80)	N
D L Haynes (041)	852	(7)	0	(0)	852	(7)	N
D L Hemp (042)	1248	(142)	0	(0)	1248	(142)	N
S G Hinks (043)	242	(0)	0	(0)	242	(0)	N
G D Hodgson (044)	135	(0)	0	(0)	135	(0)	N
A J Hollioake (045)	561	(9)	23	(3)	1021	(69)	N
N Hussain (046)	848	(16)	0	(0)	848	(16)	N
S Hutton (047)	480	(43)	0	(0)	480	(43)	N
R C Irani (048)	779	(10)	28	(0)	1339	(10)	N
S P James (049)	716	(13)	0	(0)	716	(13)	N
P Johnson (050)	950	(63)	0	(0)	950	(63)	N
M Keech (051)	141	(0)	0	(0)	141	(0)	N
S A Kellett (052)	155	(8)	0	(0)	155	(8)	N
N V Knight (053)	689	(115)	1	(0)	709	(115)	N
A J Lamb (054)	632	(61)	0	(0)	632	(61)	N
M N Lathwell (055)	1061	(18)	3	(0)	1121	(18)	N
W Larkins (056)	930	(0)	0	(0)	930	(0)	N
D A Leatherdale (057)	746	(75)	5	(0)	846	(75)	N
N J Lenham (058)	683	(39)	0	(0)	683	(39)	N
J J B Lewis (059)	730	(52)	0	(0)	730	(52)	N
N J Llong (060)	137	(0)	6	(0)	257	(0)	N
G D Lloyd (061)	406	(0)	0	(0)	406	(0)	N
J I Longley (062)	530	(58)	0	(0)	530	(58)	N
M B Love (063)	914	(5)	0	(0)	914	(5)	N
M A Lynch (064)	113	(0)	0	(0)	113	(0)	N
M P Maynard (065)	586	(112)	0	(0)	586	(112)	N
A A Metcalfe (066)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
T C Middleton (067)	452	(0)	0	(0)	452	(0)	N
A J Moles (068)	674	(29)	0	(0)	674	(29)	N
T M Moody (069)	777	(49)	14	(0)	1057	(49)	N
H Morris (070)	810	(0)	0	(0)	810	(0)	N
J E Morris (071)	994	(94)	1	(0)	1014	(94)	N
R S M Morris (072)	686	(0)	0	(0)	686	(0)	N
M D Moxon (073)	912	(84)	0	(0)	912	(84)	N
M C J Nicholas (074)	884	(0)	0	(0)	884	(0)	N
T J G O'Gorman (075)	839	(13)	0	(0)	839	(13)	N
D P Ostler (076)	860	(24)	0	(0)	860	(24)	N
T L Penney (077)	736	(59)	0	(0)	736	(59)	N
P R Pollard (078)	781	(134)	1	(0)	801	(134)	N
P J Prichard (079)	488	(0)	0	(0)	488	(0)	N
M R Ramprakash (080)	1010	(4)	0	(0)	1010	(4)	N
J D Ratcliffe (081)	87	(0)	0	(0)	87	(0)	N
R B Richardson (082)	551	(0)	0	(0)	551	(0)	N
D D J Robinson (083)	38	(38)	0	(0)	38	(38)	N
P E Robinson (084)	84	(0)	0	(0)	84	(0)	N
R T Robinson (085)	895	(4)	1	(0)	915	(4)	N
A S Rollins (086)	609	(1)	0	(0)	609	(1)	N
M A Roseberry (087)	904	(5)	0	(0)	904	(5)	N
A C H Seymour (088)	179	(0)	0	(0)	179	(0)	N
N Shahid (089)	326	(0)	3	(0)	386	(0)	N
B F Smith (090)	602	(0)	0	(0)	602	(0)	N
I Smith (091)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
R A Smith (092)	917	(0)	0	(0)	917	(0)	N
N J Speak (093)	1045	(148)	0	(0)	1045	(148)	N
A W Smith (094)	446	(8)	21	(0)	866	(8)	N
D M Smith (095)	311	(67)	0	(0)	311	(67)	N
M P Speight (096)	791	(46)	0	(0)	791	(46)	N
A J Stewart (097)	870	(15)	0	(0)	870	(15)	N
N R Taylor (098)	814	(56)	0	(0)	814	(56)	N
V P Terry (099)	809	(0)	0	(0)	809	(0)	N
G P Thorpe (100)	1024	(29)	0	(0)	1024	(29)	N
S P Titchard (101)	486	(68)	0	(0)	486	(68)	N
M E Trescothick (102)	702	(0)	0	(0)	702	(0)	N
R G Twose (103)	1141	(100)	11	(1)	1361	(120)	N
M P Vaughan (104)	875	(0)	13	(0)	1135	(0)	N
D M Ward (105)	750	(0)	0	(0)	750	(0)	N
T R Ward (106)	1106	(82)	0	(0)	1106	(82)	N
R J Warren (107)	415	(0)	0	(0)	415	(0)	N
A P Wells (108)	685	(22)	1	(0)	685	(22)	N
C M Wells (109)	209	(0)	10	(0)	409	(0)	N
W P C Weston (110)	666	(3)	0	(0)	666	(3)	N
J J Whitaker (111)	828	(36)	0	(0)	828	(36)	N
M G N Windows (112)	444	(104)	0	(0)	444	(104)	N
A J Wright (113)	840	(101)	0	(0)	840	(101)	N

All-rounders (114-156)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total		Inj
M W Alleyne (114)	1120	(92)	36	(4)	1840	(172)	N
I D Austin (115)	208	(50)	19	(3)	588	(110)	N
P Bainbridge (116)	512	(68)	12	(4)	752	(148)	N
D J Capel (117)	43	(0)	0	(0)	43	(0)	N
G Chapple (118)	104	(19)	31	(5)	724	(119)	N
D G Cork (119)	298	(16)	25	(7)	798	(156)	N
R D B Croft (120)	353	(27)	30	(3)	953	(87)	N
A C Cummins (121)	490	(48)	49	(2)	1470	(88)	N
K M Curran (122)	834	(92)	25	(7)	1334	(232)	N
A Dale (123)	620	(40)	17	(0)	960	(40)	N
P A J DeFreitas (124)	479	(20)	59	(5)	1659	(120)	N
J E Emburey (125)	187	(0)	51	(0)	1207	(0)	N
K P Evans (126)	442	(55)	32	(4)	1082	(135)	N
M A Feltham (127)	231	(34)	26	(0)	751	(34)	N
M V Fleming (128)	734	(16)	7	(1)	874	(36)	N
P J Hartley (129)	242	(0)	44	(2)	1122	(40)	N
G R Haynes (130)	662	(64)	6	(1)	782	(84)	N
G A Hick (131)	1156	(81)	8	(1)	1316	(101)	N
C L Hooper (132)	1325	(41)	26	(8)	1845	(201)	N
R K Illingworth (133)	382	(21)	35	(1)	1082	(41)	N
R D James (134)	301	(0)	16	(0)	621	(0)	N
S R Lampitt (135)	531	(33)	54	(6)	1611	(153)	N
R P Lefebvre (136)	240	(0)	21	(0)	660	(0)	N
C C Lewis (137)	598	(220)	34	(6)	1278	(340)	N
G W Mike (138)	240	(6)	39	(3)	1020	(66)	N
Mushtaq Ahmed (139)	168	(0)	45	(0)	1068	(0)	N
P J Newport (140)	258	(10)	43	(5)	1118	(110)	N
C Penn (141)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)	N
M Prabhakar (142)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	Y
D A Reeve (143)	116	(0)	9	(0)	296	(0)	N
G D Rose (144)	501	(0)	38	(0)	1261	(0)	N
P V Simmons (145)	784	(20)	18	(2)	1144	(60)	N
N M K Smith (146)	370	(51)	41	(0)	1190	(51)	N
P A Smith (147)	363	(14)	18	(1)	723	(34)	N
J N Snape (148)	76	(0)	4	(0)	156	(0)	N
F D Stephenson (149)	677	(31)	55	(2)	1777	(71)	N
J P Stephenson (150)	500	(20)	20	(2)	900	(60)	N
C M Tolley (151)	164	(0)	8	(0)	324	(0)	N
Wasim Akram (152)	244	(0)	27	(0)	784	(0)	N
M Watkinson (153)	709	(10)	51	(2)	1729	(50)	N
V J Wells (154)	667	(49)	33	(0)	1327	(49)	N
P N Weekes (155)	432	(117)	34	(4)	1112	(197)	N
C White (156)	663	(0)	33	(0)	1323	(0)	N

Wicketkeepers (157-176)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total		Inj
A N Aymes (157)	509	(0)	29	(0)	1089	(0)	N
R J Blakey (158)	960	(5)	58	(3)	2120	(65)	N
K R Brown (159)	580	(9)	44	(5)	1460	(109)	N
N D Burns (160)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
B N French (161)	0	(0)	2	(0)	40	(0)	N
M A Garnham (162)	519	(55)	31	(2)	1139	(95)	N
W K Hegg (163)	321	(11)	40	(10)	1121	(211)	N
G J Kersey (164)	93	(0)	14	(0)	373	(0)	N
K M Krikken (165)	376	(17)	18	(3)	736	(77)	N
S A Marsh (166)	635	(65)	63	(9)	1895	(265)	N
C P Metson (167)	242	(0)	40	(0)	1042	(0)	N
P Moores (168)	572	(5)	50	(3)	1572	(65)	N
P A Nixon (169)	750	(69)	48	(5)	1710	(169)	N
K J Piper (170)	388	(95)	51	(4)	1408	(175)	N
S J Rhodes (171)	720	(43)	53	(4)	1780	(123)	N
D Ripley (172)	224	(1)	43	(2)	1084	(41)	N
R J Rollins (173)	9	(0)	1	(0)	29	(0)	N
R C Russell (174)	840	(41)	49	(4)	1820	(121)	N
C W Scott (175)	603	(6)	44	(5)	1483	(106)	N
R J Turner (176)	466	(50)	46	(2)	1386	(90)	N

Bowlers (177-269)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total		Inj
J A Afford (177)	24	(0)	36	(0)	744	(0)	N
C E L Ambrose (178)	167	(13)	61	(7)	1387	(153)	N
S J W Andrew (179)	23	(0)	7	(0)	163	(0)	N
A M Babington (180)	0	(0)	1	(0)	20	(0)	N
M C J Ball (181)	350	(11)	18	(3)	710	(71)	N
A A Barnett (182)	14	(0)	10	(0)	214	(0)	N
S R Barwick (183)	19	(0)	27	(0)	559	(0)	N
S Bastien (184)	7	(0)	8	(0)	167	(0)	N
J D Batty (185)	24	(0)	2	(0)	64	(0)	N
J E Benjamin (186)	125	(8)	71	(2)	1545	(48)	N
W K M Benjamin (187)	231	(0)	24	(0)	711	(0)	N
P J Berry (188)	3	(0)	0	(0)	3	(0)	N
M P Bicknell (189)	55	(0)	18	(2)	415	(40)	N
I R Bishop (190)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	Y
J Boiling (191)	48	(0)	4	(0)	128	(0)	N
M Broadhurst (192)	6	(0)	1	(0)	26	(0)	N
S J E Brown (193)	186	(3)	57	(2)	1326	(43)	N
M A Butcher (194)	299	(35)	14	(0)	579	(35)	N
A R Caddick (195)	169	(16)	38	(4)	929	(96)	N
J H Childs (196)	94	(9)	35	(0)	794	(9)	N
C A Connor (197)	134	(0)	54	(0)	1214	(0)	N
N G B Cook (198)	89	(0)	14	(0)	369	(0)	N
K E Cooper (199)	84	(0)	38	(0)	844	(0)	N
A C Cottam (200)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
N G Cowans (201)	42	(0)	20	(0)	442	(0)	N
R P Davis (202)	111	(0)	12	(0)	351	(0)	N
M A Ealham (203)	426	(21)	26	(0)	946	(21)	N
R M Ellison (204)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
M G Field-Buss (205)	72	(0)	12	(0)	312	(0)	N
D P J Flint (206)	5	(0)	1	(0)	25	(0)	N
M J Foster (207)	159	(0)	3	(0)	219	(0)	N
A R C Fraser (208)	68	(0)	42	(6)	908	(120)	N
O D Gibson (209)	615	(18)	41	(3)	1435	(78)	N
E S H Giddins (210)	49	(2)	46	(8)	949	(162)	N
D Gough (211)	271	(33)	42	(4)	1111	(113)	N
D A Graveney (212)	297	(10)	27	(3)	837	(70)	N
F A Griffith (213)	123	(0)	8	(0)	283	(0)	N
D W Headley (214)	134	(0)	36	(0)	854	(0)	N
E E Hemmings (215)	59	(1)	31	(2)	679	(41)	N
A P Igglesden (216)	61	(0)	24	(0)	541	(0)	N
M C Ilott (217)	122	(8)	38	(8)	882	(168)	N
P W Jarvis (218)	294	(20)	35	(1)	994	(40)	N
M Jean-Jacques (219)	30	(0)	5	(0)	130	(0)	N
R L Johnson (220)	205	(0)	39	(0)	985	(0)	N
M S Kasprowicz (221)	260	(10)	42	(4)	1100	(90)	N
N M Kendrick (222)	69	(9)	6	(1)	209	(29)	N
D R Law (223)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
M J McCague (225)	185	(56)	32	(0)	825	(56)	N
D E Malcolm (226)	71	(23)	50	(7)	1071	(163)	N
N A Mallender (227)	218	(0)	14	(0)	498	(0)	N
P J Martin (228)	300	(18)	36	(9)	1020	(198)	N
R J Maru (229)	127	(0)	12	(0)	367	(0)	N
D J Millns (230)	307	(65)	58	(7)	1467	(205)	N
O H Mortensen (231)	0	(0)	2	(0)	40	(0)	N
A D Mullally (232)	95	(22)	27	(3)	635	(82)	N
T A Munton (233)	86	(20)	64	(2)	1366	(60)	N
A J Murphy (234)	10	(0)	2	(0)	50	(0)	N
J A North (235)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
G J Parsons (236)	415	(76)	36	(6)	1135	(196)	N
M M Patel (237)	225	(0)	84	(10)	1905	(200)	N
R M Pearson (238)	45	(0)	4	(0)	125	(0)	N
A L Penberthy (239)	528	(62)	27	(0)	1068	(62)	N
D B Pennett (240)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	N
R A Pick (241)	227	(0)	49	(3)	1207	(60)	N
A C S Pigott (242)	124	(0)	20	(0)	524	(0)	N
A R K Pierson (243)	220	(61)	30	(1)	820	(81)	N
N V Radford (244)	120	(13)	32	(5)	760	(113)	N
A R Roberts (245)	198	(35)	16	(4)	518	(115)	N
M A Robinson (246)	41	(9)	25	(3)	541	(69)	N
I D K Salisbury (247)	205	(22)	42	(6)	1045	(142)	N
K J Shine (248)	26	(0)	26	(2)	546	(40)	N
R W Sladdin (249)	42	(0)	4	(0)	122	(0)	N
G C Small (250)	60	(19)	25	(1)	560	(39)	N
D J Spencer (251)	46	(0)	10	(0)	246	(0)	N
R D Stemp (252)	203	(10)	41	(2)	1023	(50)	N
P M Such (253)	103	(0)	49	(6)	1083	(120)	N
J P Taylor (254)	58	(0)	31	(0)	678	(0)	N
S D Thomas (255)	15	(0)	3	(0)	75	(0)	N
M J Thursfield (256)	39	(0)	16	(0)	359	(0)	N
T D Topley (257)	2	(0)	1	(0)	22	(0)	N
H R J Trump (258)	185	(11)	22	(2)	625	(51)	N
P C R Tufnell (259)	14	(0)	26	(8)	534	(180)	N
S D Udal (260)	485	(0)	52	(0)	1525	(0)	N
M J Vandrau (261)	342	(33)	18	(1)	702	(53)	N
A P van Troost (262)	73	(11)	26	(2)	593	(51)	N
C A Walsh (263)	233	(0)	73	(0)	1893	(0)	N
Waqar Younis (264)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	Y
A E Warner (265)	74	(0)	13	(0)	334	(0)	N
S L Watkin (266)	68	(0)	40	(1)	868	(20)	N
N F Williams (267)	111	(0)	20	(0)	511	(0)	N
J Wood (268)	119	(0)	31	(0)	739	(0)	N
G Yates (269)	213	(0)	29	(0)	793	(0)	N

New players (301-312)

Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Total	Inj
M Azharuddin (301)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N
B C Lara (302)	(15)	(0)	(15)	N
M Saxelby (303)	(106)	(0)	(106)	N
W M Noon (304)	(33)	(4)	(113)	N
V P Clarke (305)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N
S J Base (306)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N
J E Brinkley (307)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N
C E Cuffy (308)	(8)	(2)	(48)	N
T Edwards (309)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N
N F Sargeant (310)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N
B T P Donelan (311)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N
C E W Silverwood (312)	(0)	(0)	(0)	N

(includes all first-class matches to date)

□ One point is awarded for each run, 20 points for each wicket. Wickets include catches and stumpings by wicketkeepers, but not catches by fielders.

The final column indicates whether a player is injured and out of the game (N = no, Y = yes).

□ *Source: TCCB/PA Cricket Record.*

Batting

Qualification: 6 completed innings

		M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50
1	B C Lara (Warwickshire)	12	21	2	1820	501*	95.78	8	2
2	G A Gooch (Essex)	13	23	2	1478	236	70.38	5	4
3	M W Gatting (Middlesex)	15	22	2	1310	225	65.50	4	6
4	P N Kirsten (South Africa)	8	13	5	500	130	62.50	2	1
5	J D Carr (Middlesex)	16	22	6	937	171*	58.56	3	4
6	B M McMillan (South Africa)	7	8	2	348	132	58.00	1	[illegible]
7	S J Rhodes (Worcestershire)	14	22	9	720	100*	55.38	1	[illegible]
8	C L Hooper (Kent)	13	24	0	1325	183	55.20	4	6
9	P J Prichard (Essex)	7	11	2	488	119	54.22	3	[illegible]
10	G P Thorpe (Surrey)	13	21	2	1024	190	53.89	2	6
11	G Kirsten (South Africa)	10	17	3	749	201*	53.50	2	5
12	M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)	14	21	2	1010	135	53.15	3	5
13	D J Bicknell (Surrey)	14	24	3	1108	235*	52.76	3	5
14	N H Fairbrother (Lancashire)	9	17	2	788	204	52.53	3	1
15	K M Curran (Northants)	11	19	3	834	114	52.12	1	7
16	A N Hayhurst (Somerset)	14	24	4	1039	121	51.95	2	7
17	C J Hollins (Oxford U)	8	10	2	415	131	51.87	1	2
18	A J Moles (Warwickshire)	7	14	1	674	203*	51.84	1	4
19	P A Cottey (Glamorgan)	14	24	4	1032	191	51.60	2	6
20	D L Hemp (Glamorgan)	16	29	4	1248	136	49.92	4	6

* denotes not out

Bowling

Qualification: 20 wickets

		O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10m
1	C E L Ambrose (Northants)	427.4	129	876	61	14.36	7-44	4	2
2	C A Walsh (Gloucs)	409.3	97	1231	73	16.86	7-42	7	3
3	J E Benjamin (Surrey)	499.2	118	1347	71	18.97	6-27	5	1
4	F D Stephenson (Sussex)	399.3	87	1119	55	20.34	6-50	6	2
5	S R Lampitt (Worcs)	420.1	104	1125	54	20.83	5-33	2	—
6	C A Connor (Hampshire)	400	102	1127	54	20.87	7-47	2	2
7	M A Ealham (Kent)	200.4	45	560	26	21.53	7-53	1	—
8	M M Patel (Kent)	702.1	170	1811	84	21.55	8-96	6	3
9	T A Munton (Warwicks)	569.4	142	1451	64	22.67	7-52	8	2
10	A R Caddick (Somerset)	286.5	56	875	38	23.02	6-51	3	—
11	C White (Yorkshire)	235.2	53	761	33	23.06	5-40	2	—
12	P S de Villiers (S Africa)	227.3	60	739	32	23.09	6-67	2	—
13	V J Wells (Leicestershire)	226.5	63	774	33	23.45	5-50	1	—
14	G R Larsen (New Zealand)	226.4	73	494	21	23.52	5-24	1	—
15	A C S Pigott (Surrey)	180.2	55	472	20	23.60	6-46	1	—
16	C C Lewis (Notts)	265.3	53	811	34	23.85	5-55	1	—
17	M J McCague (Kent)	218.5	38	764	32	23.87	6-50	3	—
18	Wasim Akram (Lancashire)	213.2	44	646	27	23.92	8-30	2	1
19	P A J DeFreitas (Derbys)	445.4	83	1416	59	24.00	6-39	4	—
20	M W Alleyne (Gloucs)	263.3	56	868	36	24.11	5-78	1	—

□ *Source: TCCB / PA Cricket Record*

Answers from page 40

HIAQUA

(a) An ornament or necklace of tooth-shells, formerly used as money by the Indians of the north Pacific coast of North America. Chinook Jargon formed on Nootka: "The ears are perforated all round and Hiaquas suspended therefrom."

KOLLERGANG

(c) A crushing machine used in milling paper-pulp. From the German, meaning "crushing action": "For the purpose of crushing the knots of the straw, and other hard particles . . . a machine termed the 'kollergang' is sometimes employed."

LAMSIEKTE

(a) A cattle disease, usually fatal, found on land deficient in phosphorus, caused by the bacterium *Clostridium botulinum* and characterised by paralysis or muscular weakness; bovine botulism. From the Afrikaans: "The *lamsiekte* is when the cattle are not able to stand; it is slow in its progress."

NIVATION

(b) Erosion of the ground beneath and at the sides of a snowbank, mainly as a result of alternate freezing and thawing. From the Latin *nix, nivem, nivis* meaning snow + *-ation*. "A few cases may be found where nivation, or the freezing and thawing of water round patches of snow, has produced small closed depressions in jointed or fractured rocks."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Qxf3 gxf3 2 Bb5+ Qd7 (2 ... Ke7 3 Bg5 is mate) 3 Bxd7+ Kxd7 4 Bxh6 gxh6 5 Ng6 and White is a rook ahead.

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Fulford leads croquet into brave new world

Oliver Holt looks in at the world croquet championship at Carden Park, where they are trying to change the image of the game

The hissing of summer lawns in the wind and the rain and a short round of applause from a few bedraggled spectators greeted Robert Fulford's retention of the World Croquet Championship yesterday. No cheers, no whoops, certainly no hurling of mallet in the air or leaping over hoops. "I just grin a bit," Fulford said afterwards.

There were polite congratulations all round from the motley crew of about 60 spectators and competitors who had gathered to watch the climax of the week-long event. Then an Australian raised his voice above the rest and shouted that there would be one more match — its pairing apparently random, its significance unclear — before Fulford received his prize, the Wimbledon Cup.

The loser, Chris Clarke, chatted with friends as if nothing had happened and Fulford, 25, who is the nearest thing to a professional the sport possesses, wandered round in a happy daze, talking to others among the new breed of young players who are dominating the game. They look more like train spotters than sportsmen.

It all felt rather anti-climatic, but croquet is nothing if not understated. There is more to it than meets the rather confused eye as the players pace purposefully up, down and across the lawn, each ricocheting his own two balls against his opponent's, seeking to gain position to allow them to slip them between six narrow hoops and finish the game by rolling them against a peg in their midst.

The action takes place in breaks, rather like snooker, with one player capable of waltzing round the lawn while the other sits idle on the periphery. It is full of esoteric strategy, a characteristic those optimistic enough to attempt to propel it into the sporting mainstream may find difficult to overcome.

Still, there is a sense of white mischief about the game, a vindictive hidden agenda belying its essential gentility. It was present even when croquet hardly strayed from vicarage lawns and was the preserve of men in blazers and it has survived into the modern era of the world championship, which was first staged five years ago.

This new breed, with Fulford at its head, bestride the game with their intensity and their desire to proclaim its virtues. They say it is like a combination of snooker, cricket and golf and they plot their moves accordingly, like scheming characters from The Lord of the Flies.

The youngest is the French champion, Yoann Ravez, who is 16, but the oldest player in this year's semi-finals was 28. They come from across the social spectrum, too. One Australian competitor is a former sheep shearer and the British number three, David Maugham, took part this year with a Union Jack shaved into his crewcut.

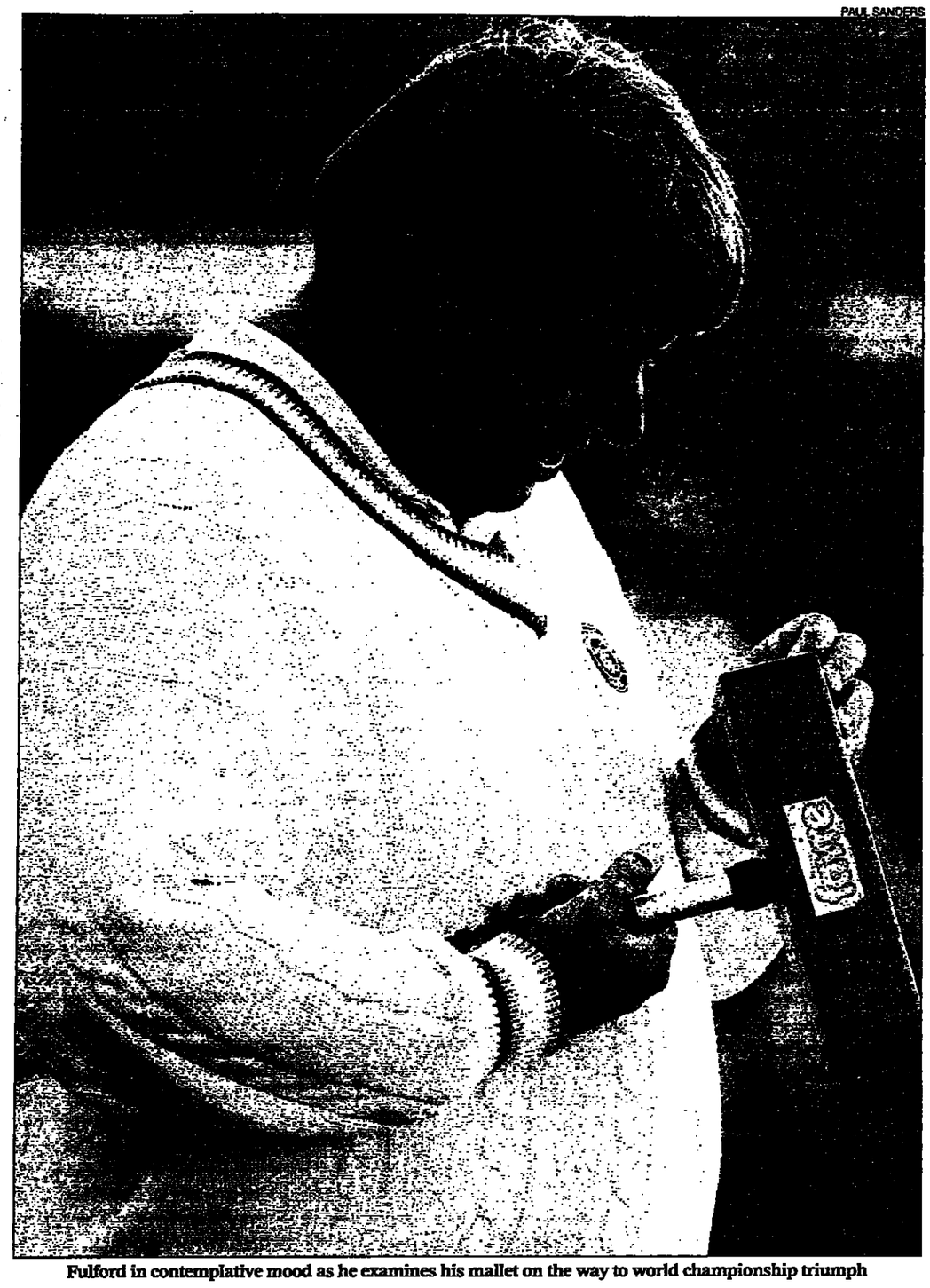
It all suits the authorities who are desperate to rid the sport of its image as a soporific pursuit of the privileged. "We are trying to dispel the idea of croquet being played by eccentric vicars on country lawns," Tony Antenen, the secretary of the UK Croquet Association said. "We will probably get complaints about Maugham's appearance but these people are trying to keep the game in the Dark Ages."

Fulford, who like Clarke began playing in Colchester, earns a living coaching croquet at the Chattooga Club in North Carolina and has won the world championship twice before, in 1990 and 1992. He beat 39 other players from 15 countries, including Japan and New Zealand, to the title this year, winning three games to one against Clarke, who is his best friend, yesterday.

It took most of the morning and a portion of the afternoon to complete his victory on one of seven lawns laid out like snooker tables in a hall on a terrace at the Carden Park leisure complex that was to have hosted seven events had Manchester's bid for the Olympic Games in the year 2000 been successful.

It says the complex is near Chester but it is much closer to Wrexham. Some wish it was still at the Hurlingham Club in London but Fulford didn't seem to mind. "Apart from the world's team championship, this is the event when I get most nervous," he said. "I came into this championship on a bad run of form so I'm delighted it came right for me this week. The best players are perfectionists just like top golfers. They want to place their ball on a blade of grass. You have to think ahead and that is one of the main attractions of the sport. I would love the game to become popular enough for people to know what it is really like."

PAUL SANDERS



Fulford in contemplative mood as he examines his mallet on the way to world championship triumph

Defeated Courier opts for rest-cure

JIM Courier had decided to take a break from tennis after losing to Alex Corretja, of Spain, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3 in the second round of the RCA championships in Indianapolis. "My rackets are going to stay in the bag until my heart tells me to pick them up again," he said. "I don't know if that is going to be one day, one week, one month, one year, ten years."

Courier needed only 28 minutes to take the first set but, 42 unforced errors later, the defending champion and No 5 seed had been ousted from the tournament by Corretja, 20, the youngest player in the field.

"It was all my doing," the former world No 1 said. "I missed a few shots and I lost interest. I'm tired physically, mentally and emotionally. I am hitting the ball fine. There is a problem inside and I am really not sure what it is. The only way to figure it out is to just take a step away."

Showdown in Chicago

TRIATHLON: Simon Lessing, of Britain, will start as favourite for the professional tour's championship this weekend in Chicago, where more than 4,000 competitors will swim 1,500 metres in Lake Michigan, cycle 40 kilometres on the lake shore and then run ten kilometres through the city streets in pursuit of prize-money of $50,000.

Lessing, who has won the two most recent events, in Austria and Finland, is also the holder of the European championship. His closest challenger could prove to be another Briton, Spencer Smith, the world champion, who, after a poor start to the season, is beginning to recapture the form that won him the title in Manchester last year.

Neumann seeks double

GOLF: After her triumph last Sunday in the Weetabix British Women's Open, Liselotte Neumann, of Sweden, attempts to complete back-to-back victories in the £100,000 Trygg-Hansa Open, which begins at Haninge, in Stockholm, today. She won the tournament over the same course three years ago. Lora Fairclough, from Lancashire, defends her title, but Laura Davies is an absentee, after playing in 12 consecutive tournaments. Annika Sorenstam and Helen Alfredsson, Neumann's compatriots, are both in the field.

Callow conquers youth

TENNIS: Tilly Callow, 14, a pupil at the Rover LTA School at Bisham Abbey, secured another surprise victory yesterday to reach the quarter-finals of the Midland Bank national 18-and-under championships, at Nottingham. She knocked out the tenth seed, Emily Smith, of Wiltshire, 6-3, 6-1, to set up a meeting with the No 2 seed, Katia Roubanova, whose mother, Olga, coaches Callow. Jheni Osman, 15, gave the top seed, Lizzie Jelfs, a scare before being beaten 7-6, 6-4 in their third-round encounter.

Gibbs fit for debut

RUGBY LEAGUE: Scott Gibbs, the former British Isles and Wales rugby union centre, will make his debut for St Helens at home to Doncaster on Sunday. Gibbs, 23, scored two tries against Widnes in a pre-season match last weekend, his first serious game since he damaged knee ligaments playing for the Barbarians against the All Blacks last December. Stones Bitter, the sponsor of the league championship and premiership competitions, have announced a record £365,000 in total prize-money for the season.

Viren to sell medals

ATHLETICS: Lasse Viren has put his four Olympic gold medals up for sale at one million Finnish marks (about £130,000) each, the Finnish newspaper, *Iltalehti*, reported yesterday. Viren, 45, refused to explain why he wanted to sell his medals, but denied the reason was financial. The price is non-negotiable, Viren told the paper. During his career spanning the 1970s, Viren completed the 5,000 metres and 10,000 metres double at the 1972 Olympics in Munich and the 1976 Games in Montreal.

Australia snatch Cup from All Black grasp



Gregan: hero

Australia	20
New Zealand	16

BY DAVID HANDS

GEORGE Gregan, the Zambian-born scrum half who was Australia's man of the match in their massacre of Western Samoa, must now be their man of the season. Gregan, with a magnificent cover tackle on Jeff Wilson, ensured the return of the Bledisloe Cup and an unbeaten season for his country in yesterday's nail-biting rugby union international in Sydney.

The championship of the southern hemisphere was heading inexorably Australia's way until New Zealand turned the match around in the second half. From an 11-point half-time deficit they struck back to within a point, inspired by Shane Howarth's individual try.

Australia, so powerful in the first half after scoring within 18 seconds of the kick-off, suddenly wilted and only their lineout sustained them. But when Wilson, restored in place of John Kirwan, sidestepped two defenders and made for the line a try seemed inevitable before the appearance of the diminutive Gregan.

His quick hands and ability to deal with messy ball have been a feature of his first international season but now his power in the tackle saved Australia with only six minutes remaining. Launching himself at Wilson, he knocked the ball free as the wing dived in, leaving Australia the victors by two goals and two penalty goals to a goal and three penalties.

It was almost the comeuppance which Australia, after running amok against the Samoans, feared. The presence of Michael Jones in New Zealand's back row reduced time and space for the adventurous Australian backs to which their own errors added.

But if they made mistakes, New Zealand's were far greater in the first half when they had no possession. They lost the ball from the kick-off and Jason Little, leaping high, collected Knox's bomb to score. Knox added a penalty before Kearns forced his way over from a five-metre scrum.

There may have been complacency in Australian ranks at the interval; New Zealand, in contrast, received a tongue-lashing from Mains and responded. Brooke, in surely his finest international season, was involved in everything and the All Blacks edged their way back, playing some of the quickfire rugby which has become their trademark under Mains. They played it deep into injury-time and even the Australians in the record 41,000-crowd could scarce forbear to cheer.

SCORERS: Australia: Tries: Little, Kearns. Conversions: Knox (2). Penalty goals: Knox (2). New Zealand: Try: Howarth. Conversion: Howarth. Penalty goals: Howarth (3).
AUSTRALIA: M Pini (Queensland); D P Smith (Queensland), J S Little (Queensland), P W Howard (Queensland), D I Campese (New South Wales); D J Knox (New South Wales), G Gregan (ACT); A J Daly (New South Wales), P N Kearns (New South Wales, captain), E J A McKenzie (New South Wales), V Ofahengaue (New South Wales), G J Morgan (Queensland), J A Eales (Queensland), D Wilson (Queensland), B T Gavin (New South Wales). D Junee (New South Wales) replaced Pini, 69
NEW ZEALAND: S P Howarth (Auckland); J W Wilson (Otago), F E Bunce (North Harbour), W K Little (North Harbour), J K R Timu (Otago); S J Bachop (Otago), G T M Bachop (Canterbury); R W Loe (Canterbury), S B T Fitzpatrick (Auckland, captain), O M Brown (Auckland), M R Brewer (Canterbury), I D Jones (North Harbour), M J B Cooksley (Counties), M N Jones (Auckland), Z V Brooke (Auckland) B P Larsen (North Harbour), temporary replacement for Brooke, 35-38
Referee: E Morrison (England).

SPORTS LETTERS

England selectors follow path of folly

From Mr. Tony Risveglia

Sir, Will our cricket selectors ever learn? After the debacles of the Indian, Sri Lankan and West Indian tours, for which the selectors (especially the respective captains) must take most of the blame for the picking of inadequate players for inadequate squads, you would have thought that some sense had finally got through to them. But no, they persist in their stupid selections.

Let me tell them loud and clear — Devon Malcolm (average 37.50 per wicket) is not Test match class; Phil DeFreitas (average 32.30) is not Test match class; Phil Tufnell (average 38.43) is not Test match class. On the other hand, Angus Fraser is Test match class, Robin Smith is Test match class, Ian Salisbury can become Test match class given patience and if some confidence was shown in his ability. How much longer, in the case of Malcom and Tufnell, are they going to live on their one match-winning performance for England against the West Indies from a few years ago?

Malcolm and Tufnell may well have a successful match at the Oval, but when they go to Australia they will be as ineffectual as in previous tours. Fraser and Smith's track record for England over a long period of time more than surpasses the international yardstick of a good, quality player. Salisbury is our one real quality spinner and can prove to be a match-winning asset if handed the opportunity of a long spell in the side to build his confidence.

The threatened omission of Fraser, Smith and Salisbury from this winter's tour could prove to be yet another in the long line of selectorial incompetence, prevalent in all our sports, unfortunately, which have been responsible for our decline as a great sporting nation.

Yours faithfully,
TONY RISVEGLIA,
8, Edgar House,
Homerton Road,
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From Mr. B. W. E. Heyden

Sir, I read with interest that some counties are going to press for a ban on overseas cricket players at the Test and County Cricket Board — and rightly so: they come only for the money and a good holiday. The salaries demanded by some overseas players are not helping the game and costing some counties more money than they can really afford.

Why should they not be banned when there are dozens of fine village cricketers who would love to be playing for their county and support their county far keener and better than an overseas player? Their heart would be in the game, not how much money they could take home.

Yours faithfully,
B. W. E. HEYDEN
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From Mr. H. R. Harvey

Sir, We hear a lot about Graham Gooch's fitness. It is interesting to note that Sir J. B. Hobbs opened the England innings for the last times on the following occasions:

Against Australia, August 1930, aged 47, 8 months and 6 days;

Against South Africa, 1929, aged 46, 6 months and 3 days;

Against West Indies, August 1928, aged 45, 8 months and 3 days.

He did not play against New Zealand, India or Pakistan. In the last of the above-quoted matches, he scored 159. I would suggest that the opposing bowling was pretty good in those days!

Yours faithfully,
H. R. HARVEY,
Trembaths,
Talbot Way,
Letchworth, Herts.

Obree shows way forward

From Mr. Michael Spindle

Sir, Just what are the rest of us supposed to make of the Union Cycliste Internationale's (UCI) disqualification of Graeme Obree in his defence of the 4,000 metres world pursuit title?

His arrival as world champion on a homespun bicycle made from crafted junk must have had both the UCI and the competition reeling in disbelief, compounded by the fact that his machine was manufactured without major sponsorship and design facilities but with sheer enthusiasm, determination and doubtless hardship. His unique and likely to become trendsetting riding stance, achieved mainly with modified handlebars, has improved aerodynamics with minimum alteration to the machine itself. This, says the UCI, is unacceptable. Oh, really? What then of the Flash Gordon-inspired helmets, covered wheels and high-tech frame materials?

If machine advancement is not part of the sport then the UCI must lay down specific guidelines and rule them so. If not, shut up and admire this young Scotsman for showing the cycling world the way forward.

Yours faithfully,
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Hertfordshire.

Action replay

From The Rt. Hon. Sir Terence Higgins, KBE, DL, MP

Sir, After our athletes dropped the baton in their heat of the European championship 4 x 100 metres relay — when they could have won the final — it is high time British teams stopped using a technique that involves the incoming runner trying to put the baton down on the backward extended upturned palm of the next runner. Nobody can get a firm grip that way. The safer and equally efficient method is for the recipient to extend the arm downwards and backwards with the thumb and fingers forming a vee and the incoming runner to thrust the baton upwards into it. A natural reflex action does the rest.

Yours faithfully,
TERENCE HIGGINS,
House of Commons, SW1.

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No joke for Roe as he is struck down by wayward shot

By John Hopkins, Golf Correspondent

THERE will be bigger stories than this before the Murphy's English Open is concluded on Sunday evening but all anybody could talk about yesterday was the injury Mark Roe sustained when he was hit on the head by a golf ball during the pro-am.

Roe was on the eighth tee when he was struck by a shot that came from the adjoining second fairway. "I have hit people several times before so I know how he feels," Roe said. "It is not a problem. It was just one of those things." Roe was knocked to the ground and blood started to run from his head, which started to swell. He received treatment at the course. He expects to be able to meet his 8.20 tee-off time this morning.

Roe is a renowned practical joker and some thought that the blow was retribution for all the stunts he has pulled on others in his time. Not so. It was an accident and the amateur whose mishit shot felled Roe was apologetic at his inaccuracy and the damage it inflicted.

Eight of last year's Ryder Cup team are competing at the Forest of Arden course, including Colin Montgomerie, Ian Woosnam, Joakim Haeggman, Sam Torrance, Mark James, Barry Lane, Peter Baker and Costantino Rocca, all fresh from Tulsa, Oklahoma, the venue of the US PGA Championship last week.

After the race back to Britain, those who played all four rounds, such as Montgomerie, Woosnam, Lane and Torrance, may be finding that jet lag has left them feeling as though they, not Roe, have been hit on the head. Travelling east to west is easy; it is west to east that takes a bit of recovering from.

Montgomerie concluded affairs in the US with something approaching a sore head at his own lacklustre performance. Having started with a 67 that tied him with Nick Price, the eventual winner, he fell away dramatically and uncharacteristically.

Towards the end of his second round, there was even a chance he would miss the cut. Montgomerie's 76 was 11 strokes worse than Price's second round and thereafter Montgomerie was well off the pace. He finished joint 36th and won only a few thousand pounds.

One suspects he will be eager to prove to himself that his collapse in the heat of Tulsa was nothing more than something that happens, even to the money-making machine Montgomerie has become. Montgomerie knows that after improving his position in the order of merit each year for the past six years, until he ended top last year, he has nowhere to go but down.

"I learnt something from the experience of playing in the US PGA," Montgomerie said. "Technically and mentally, I am still a rookie in these events [the major championships]. It took Olazábal nine years to win a major and I've been going only for seven. It took Nick Price more than nine years. It takes time."

Montgomerie plays in the nine events that follow this one, hoping to earn a place in the World Match Play Championship, to which he has not yet been invited, and to remain European No 1 in Europe.

"I have never gone down in the order of merit so I am giving myself the best possible chance of staying where I am. Olazábal is missing more tournaments than me. I would regret it if I finished second by missing one tournament."

Woosnam, the defending champion, who has so often lately seemed like a bear with a sore head, is full of sweetness and light at present, excited about golf once again after finishing ninth in the United States.

The tip to stand as much as six inches nearer the ball that he received from Greg Norman proved of lasting benefit and, for once, Woosnam is not whingeing about bad form or his inability to putt. Will it last?

He has decided to rejoin the Professional Golfers' Association "to keep everybody happy". The Welshman had not paid his £160 PGA subscription this year because he believed he did not need membership after moving to Jersey.

"A lot of people were upset about it," he said yesterday. "A lot of people rang me up to ask why I had left the PGA. To keep everybody happy, I will join again."

Arruti takes charge with studied approach

By Patricia Davies

WOODHALL Spa, in Lincolnshire, is a thinking player's golf course, simply because if you stop concentrating, you end up deep in sand or heather or worse. It is probably the ideal place for a student of psychology: so it proved yesterday, in the first round of the British women's amateur strokeplay championship.

Marina Arruti, who studies psychology in San Sebastián, Spain, coped best with the swirling wind that made clubbing a puzzle. The 22-year-old played the last five holes in four under par to return a round of 71, three under.

Arruti, who hopes to follow her sister, Amaia, into the professional ranks in a year or two, was one over par after a double-bogey six at the 11th, where she drove into the rough, hacked out and eventually took three putts. However, she quickly put matters right with an eagle three at the 14th, a narrow, heather-strewn par five of 419 yards. Birdies at the 15th and 18th completed the recovery.

They left Arruti one stroke ahead of Kirsty Speak, the Curtis Cup player from Clitheroe, with Susan Little, a Scottish international, third on 73 after a finishing flourish of four successive birdies.

Speak, who only arrived back from the United States on Saturday and went straight to a wedding, was still a little weary after her transatlantic excursion. She had found the Curtis Cup beyond her best expectations, describing it as "brilliant", and returned from the US women's amateur championship last week able to boast, were such a thing in her nature, that she had lost only narrowly to Wendy Ward, the eventual champion, in the second round.

Home once more and reduced to cleaning her own shoes again — the Americans tend to spoil their golfers — Speak went out in 34 but dropped shots at the 11th, where she missed a putt for par of five feet, and the 16th, where she sent her drive soaring into the trees on the left, never to be seen again, and did well to get a birdie with her second ball. A wedge to two feet at the 17th and two putts from the front edge at the 18th put her two under.

DOUG MARKE



Ruth Nugent finds the going tough at the 2nd on the way to an 81 at Woodhall Spa yesterday

Boardman to hit the road

From Peter Bryan in Palermo

CHRIS Boardman has served two apprenticeships. The first, as a cabinet-maker, was gained six years ago. The second, as a qualified professional cyclist, was confirmed here late on Tuesday when he won the world 4,000 metres pursuit championship.

He is less likely to race on the track in future; much of his effort next year will be on the road, building up for the Tour de France. In the eyes of Roger Legeay, his Gan team manager, who has ridden the Tour seven times, Boardman is a future team leader or a "protected" rider.

"He has served a very good apprenticeship on the Continent this year," Legeay said, "and it is remarkable how quickly he has learnt his trade to produce such good results."

The Gan team is likely soon to lose its one-time leader, Greg LeMond, the former world champion and three-time Tour de France winner, who has been in poor health for the last two years of his £3 million, three-year contract.

"My aim is to build a team for the future from riders who are comparatively young now. In other words, for 1996 and 1997. And I see the team developing around Boardman and Eddy Seigneur as its leaders," Legeay said.

"We had agreed that he [Boardman] would be given time to develop and not be put under pressure to get immediate results. But all the time he was ahead of schedule."

Boardman will ride the 1995 Tour de France; in the race this year he wore the leader's yellow jersey for three days, after winning the prologue. He retired before the mountain stages to prepare for the world championships. Next year, however, it is planned that he will complete the full 2,500-mile marathon.

Boardman's other championship race is the 42km road time-trial a week today at Catania, a new event on



Boardman: quick learner

the programme. "I think it's mad to run the event at midday, when the temperature could be around 100°," he said. "In that heat you can lose two kilos an hour, so it's important to maintain a high intake of fluids."

Boardman became the family man yesterday after answering questions from the world's press. His wife, Sally, had flown to Sicily for the pursuit final with seven-month-old George, their third child.

FOR THE RECORD

BOWLS

WORTHING: Open tournament: Pairs: Third round: D Palmer and W Howard bt S Johnson and R Harris 16-14; D Webb and P Gravelle bt R Evans and D Woodthorpe 21-11; T Moore and N Hazzell bt L Thompson and W Suter 28-11; C Becker and P Wesser bt L Ernst and R Warner 24-16; J Cripps and D Sandfield bt D Smith and P Hatherley 22-11; T Roberts and A Warren bt B Dixon and A Jones 21-20; R Stockley and J Stevens bt K German and R Bennett 18-12; D Smith and D Bishop bt R Searle and L Barron 27-11; J Hopgood and A Keating bt J Baker and H Peacock 17-14; P Cole and D Wells bt D Payne and M Hussey 23-11; R Forrest and A Mason bt R Taylor and P Hill 25-15; J Warner and C Ions bt B Sinclair and D Lee 25-14; D Calder and M George bt C Robinson and J Groom 15-13; B Jones and R Payne bt R Adams and R Snow 20-16; J Trigg and E Hurle bt B Milne and B Miller 24-14; P James and L Compton bt S Harris and A Rushton 23-10; M Hatch and P Palmer bt B Nichols and N Lacaris 22-11; A Ricaud and R Ricaud bt N C Donovan and D Dennis 23-12; S Ede and L France bt W Westall and R Boswell 15-17; I Mackenzie and G Craig bt M Mullins and A Vulins 20-16; A Ash and T Pullin bt S Scott and C Ford 16-15; M Bolton and P Reeves bt R Savage and R Owen 20-17; M Barbars and I Morgan bt D Wood and J Chubb 17-15; G Jones and G Osbourne bt N Farrall and D Farall 23-22.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Wellington: Oxfordshire 201-6 dec (T A Lester 100 not out) Shropshire 206-6 dec (T Barton 92) Stone: Staffordshire 225-3 (P S Shaw 64 not out) and 25-2 Bedfordshire 211.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Walmley: Yorkshire 388 (A McGrath 123, D R Brown 4-134) and 264-6 dec (A Metcalfe 73 not, C A Chapman 71) Warwickshire 327 (C E Mulraine 54, D R Brown 75) and 111-2 (J D Ratcliffe 68 not) Match drawn. Hove: Sussex 361-8 dec (K Newell 150, C C Remy 72, M T E Peirce 54) and 226-8 dec (K Newell 85, M T E Peirce 66, J P Hewitt 6-80) Middlesex 289 (D C Nash 77, P Farbrace 70, R S Yeabsley 51 not; J D Lewry 4-53, V C Drakes 4-64) and 151-2 (T A Radford 83 not). Match drawn. Worcester: Northamptonshire 353 and 227 (R J Warren 90) Worcestershire 379-6 dec and 76-4. Match drawn. Southampton: Hampshire 211 and 281-4 dec (K D James 65 not, G W White 65, R M S Cox 59) Durham 194 (D A Blenkiron 72, M Jean-Jacques 5-54) and 207-6 (P J Wilcock 61, D A Blenkiron 54 not, R M S Weston 52; R J Maru 4-46) Match drawn. Trent Bridge: Leicestershire 403-5 dec and 165-5 dec (B F Smith 62 not) Nottinghamshire 307-7 dec and 172-7 (M A Crawley 75) Match drawn. Gloucester: Gloucestershire 322 (R N Wight 108, G D Hodgson 104, G P Butcher 5-86) and 212-1 dec (Hodgson 111 not out, D R Hewson 83 not out). Glamorgan 261-7 dec and 191-7. Match drawn.

CYCLING

PALERMO: World championship: Men: Sprint: Third round: D Hill (Aus) bt V Berzins (Lat), M Hübner (Ger) bt F Paris (It); R Chiappa (It) bt P Sulpice (Fr), E Pokorny (Ger) bt L Vassilopoulos (Gr), J Fiedler (Ger) bt W Clay (US), M Nothstein (US) bt I Shelinsky (Russ). 4,000m pursuit: Semi-finals: C Boardman (GB) 4min 28.596sec bt J Lehmann (Germany) 4:30.004, F Moreau (Fr) 4:32.267 bt G Fulst (Ger) 4:33.073. Final: Boardman bt Moreau 4:39.301. Lehmann wins bronze as fastest losing semi-finalist. Team pursuit qualifiers: Australia 4min 12.916sec (56.936 km/h); Germany 4:15.398;

United States 4:15.673; Denmark 4:17.185; France 4:18.887; Italy 4:20.379; Holland 4:21.447; Russia 4:22.009. Women: 3,000m pursuit: Quarter-finals: A Bellutti (It) 3:55.701 bt T Stajkura (Ukr) 3:56.604; J Eickhoff (US) 3:49.539 bt M Jongeling (Holl) 3:51.893; S Samokhvalova (Russ) 3:47.810 bt J Longo (Fr) 3:52.615; M Clignet (Fr) 3:47.181 bt G Pregnolato (It) 4:00.097.

HAAKSBERGEN: Holland Tour: Third stage (leading placings): 1, W Veenstra (Holl) 2hr 24min 47sec; 2, D Abdoujaparov (Uz); 3, W Nelissen (Bel); 4, S Martinello (It); 5, G Fidanza (It); 6, F Baldato (It); 7, J Koerts (Holl); 8, S Teutenberg (Ger); 9, R Harmeling (Holl); 10, T Steels (Bel) all same time. Leading overall standings: 1, L Sorrio (It) 10hr 54min 1sec; 2, Abdoujaparov 14sec behind; 3, J Talen (Holl) 24; 4, Nelissen 26; 5, Veenstra same time; 6, Baldato same time; 7, G Hincapie (US) 28; 8, Martinello 29; 9, Teutenberg same time; 10, J-P van Poppel (Holl) same time.

FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: Crystal Palace 1 Swindon 2; Luton 2 Watford 0.

GOLF

WOODHALL SPA: British women's amateur strokeplay championship: Leading first round scores: 71: M Arruti (Sp). 72: K Speak (Clitheroe). 73: S Little (St Rule). 74: S Sharpe (Peterborough Milton); T McKinnon (Aus). 75: H Monaghan (Longniddry), A Rose (Stirling), J Hockley (Felixstowe Ferry); S Burnell (Burnham and Berrow); K Andersson (Swe), R Searle (Harrogate), J Oliver (Knebworth), E R Power (Kilkenny). 76: K Stupples (Royal Cinque Ports), T Eakin (Laytown and Bettystown); E Ratcliffe (Stirling University); K Tebbet (East Devon), M J Pons (Sp). 77: K Egford (Crane Valley), L Greve (Den); S Lambert (Coombe Hill); V Vignali (Sp), G Nutter (Prestwich); E Fields (Falmouth); C Schmitt (Fr).

SHOOTING

BISLEY: National Smallbore Rifle Championships: Charrington Gardner Locket Trophy (Class X 50m): 1, J Craven (Billingham) 391; 2, P Strong (Maidenhead) 391; 3, M Smith (Bideford) 391. Captain Cup (Class A 50m): 1, P Sims (Tondu) 392; 2, M Stevenson (Basingstoke) 391; 3, I Morton (BBC) 390. Goodlake Cup (Class B 50m): C Ford (E Bristol) 390. Stamp Cup (Class C 50m): J Lamine (Down Hatherley) 387. Dunlop Cup (Class D 50m): J Hodgson (Wimbledon Park). Senior Service Trophy (Class A 100yds): 1, A A Beck (Bury) 392; 2, J Simcock (Bedford) 391; 3, C Cornwell (Maidenhead) 389. Anglo-American Trophy (Class B 100yds): T Hill (Budleigh Farm) 394. Gilby Trophy (Class C): Lamine 384. Baillie Trophy (Class D): E Garman (Salisbury) 380. Palmer Cup (100yds Class A): 1, A Wilshire (Wimbledon Park) 389/391; 2, Beck 389; 3, P Teague (Truro) 388. Eyre Cup (Class B): S Thomas (Tondu) 388. John Player Cup (Class C): A Wells (Davy) 381. The Times Cup (Class D): C McKenna (Watts Blake) 380. City of London Cup (4s): 1, Budleigh Farm 1,521; 2, Appleton 1,516. Spooner Cup (4s): 1, Bedford 1,546; 2, Billingham 1,543.

SWIMMING

INDIANAPOLIS: United States national championships: Men: 100m freestyle: 1, G Hall 49.31sec; 2, J Olsen 49.49; 3, J Hudepohl 49.82. Women: 400m freestyle: 1, J Evans 4min 8.78sec; 2, C Teuscher 4:11.20; 3, B Bennett 4:13.78. 100m backstroke: 1, L Loveless 1:01.73; 2, B Bedford 1:02.17; 3, K Heydanek 1:02.69.

TENNIS

INDIANAPOLIS: US hard court championships: First round (US unless stated): D Wheaton bt J Carter 6-3, 6-2; A Gaudenzi (It) bt T Woodbridge (Aus) 6-3, 6-2; O Delaitre (Fr) bt D Flach 6-3, 6-2; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr) 6-2, 7-6; G Rusedski (Can) bt M Knowles (Bah) 7-6, 3-6, 7-5; M Woodforde (Aus) bt K Ullyett (SA) 6-3, 6-3; M Wilander (Swe) bt M Zoecke (Ger) 6-3, 6-3; B Karbacher (Ger) bt J Sánchez (Sp) 2-6, 7-6, 6-1; C Costa (Sp) bt R Furlan (It) 6-1, 7-6; B Steven (NZ) bt W McGuire 6-1, 7-6. Second round: S Bruguera (Sp) bt W Masur (Aus) 7-6, 6-0; W Ferreira (SA) bt J Grabb 6-1, 6-3; R Reneberg bt C Pioline (Fr) 6-2, 6-2; A Corretja (Sp) bt J Courier 1-6, 6-4, 6-3; J Stark bt A Volkov (Russ) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut: Men's tournament: First round: I Lendl (US) bt D Rikl (Cz) 6-4, 6-2; M Rios (Chile) bt D Nainkin (SA) 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; V Spadea (US) bt P Haarhuis (Holl) 6-3, 6-2; D Adams (Aus) bt L Jonsson (Swe) 6-4, 6-3; J Burillo (Sp) bt P Arnold (Arg) 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; M Washington (US) bt S Matsuoka (Japan) 6-3, 5-7, 6-2; W Black (Zim) bt B Gilbert (US) 6-3, 6-0; D Vacek (Cz) bt K Carlsen (Den) 2-6, 7-6, 7-6; M Philippoussis (Aus) bt M Petchey (GB) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; J Apell (Swe) bt J Palmer (US) 7-6, 7-5; J Bjorkman (Swe) bt L Jensen (US) 6-2, 6-4; R Gilbert (Fr) bt J Tarango (US) 6-2, 6-2; A O'Brien (US) bt G Forget (Fr) 3-6, 6-3, 7-6; R Smith (Bah) bt M Rosset (Swit) 7-6, 6-4; P McEnroe (US) bt S Lareau (Can) 6-3, 7-5. Second round: Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt R Weiss (US) 7-6, 6-1; J Siemerink (Holl) bt A Agassi (US) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

GRAZ, Austria: Men's tournament: First round: A Berasategui (Sp) bt A Vysand (Est) 6-3, 7-6; B Larkham (Aus) bt E Sánchez (Sp) 3-6, 6-4, 7-6.

MONTREAL: Women's Canadian Open: First round: S Stafford (US) bt I Spirlea (Rom) 6-1, 4-6, 6-4; L Meskhi (Geo) bt J Nejedly (Can) 6-2, 6-4; I Majoli (Cro) bt S Frankl (Ger) 7-6, 6-0. Second round: S Graf (Ger) bt S Cacic (US) 6-1, 6-2; Y Basuki (Indo) bt M Maleeva (Bul) 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; J Wiesner (Austria) bt M McGrath (US) 6-2, 6-2; K Maleeva (Bul) bt F Labat (Arg) 6-2, 6-1; M Oremans (Holl) bt A Huber (Ger) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; N Tauziat (Fr) bt L Ferrando (It) 6-3, 6-1; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt S Stafford (US) 6-2, 5-7, 6-3; C Rubin (US) bt L Neiland (Lat) 7-6, 6-3; E Likhovtseva (Kaz) bt G Helgeson (US) 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; E Reinach (SA) bt D Graham (US) 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

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FOOTBALL

BORD GAIS NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Section A: Kilkenny City v Waterford (6.30) Section B: Derry City v Fanad Utd (7.30). Section C: Athlone Town v Limerick (8.0); Galway Utd v Salthill Devon (6.30). Section D: Dundalk v Monaghan Utd (8.0).

PONTINS LEAGUE (7.0). First division: Stoke v Coventry. Second division: Blackpool v Port Vale

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v QPR (7.0)

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Murphy's English Open (Forest of Arden).

SPEEDWAY: British League: Second division: Middlesbrough v Oxford (7.30). Inter League Challenge: Ipswich v Peterborough (7.30). Junior Individual: Young Guns Championship, Sheffield (7.45)

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2.20 Iblis. 2.55 Hawaiian Dream. 3.30 Braveboy. 4.00 Equerry. 4.30 Ghaali. 5.00 High Comedy.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.20 IBLIS (nap).

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT BACK STRAIGHT) SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 EBF WELLINGTON PIER MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,759: 6f 3yd) (11 runners)

1 (11) BATTLESHIP BRUCE N Callaghan 9-0 C Rutter –
2 (9) 6 BIN NASHWAN 44 C Brittain 9-0 B Doyle (3) 90
3 (5) 0 CADEAUX TRYST 19 A Scott 9-0 J Tate (3) 76
4 (8) 4 IBLIS 26 (BF) G Wragg 9-0 Paul Eddery 99
5 (4) NEW MAN J Gosden 9-0 G Hind –
6 (10) TAFAHHUS R Armstrong 9-0 R Price –
7 (7) BAFOOZ A Stewart 8-9 G Duffield –
8 (2) 506 MISS MERCY 7 C Allen 8-9 J Quinn 82
9 (1) NURWA M Stoute 8-9 K Darley –
10 (3) PRINCE'S FEATHER D Morley 8-9 M Tebbutt –
11 (6) QUILLON ROSE C Wall 8-9 A McGlone –

2-1 Iblis, 7-2 Bin Nashwan, 4-1 Nurwa, 6-1 New Man, 7-1 Bafooz, 12-1 Prince's Feather, 14-1 others.

2.55 BUNGAY FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,494: 6f 3yd) (14)

1 (1) 6004 NAKITA 19 (V,D,F) B Meehan 3-9-12 B Doyle (3) 88
2 (13) 6613 DARE SPARROW 9 (D,F) P Walwyn 4-9-11 Paul Eddery 85
3 (2) 1143 IRADAH 13 (C,F,G) H Thomson Jones 3-9-10 Catherine Cooper (7) 87
4 (8) 0660 ANOTHER JADE 3 (D,G,S) A Jarvis 4-9-10 K Darley 93
5 (9) -300 CHOWPOR 10 C Brittain 3-9-9 G Crealock 87
6 (12) -300 MADURAI 41 J Dunlop 3-9-8 A McGlone 92
7 (14) 0162 PANCHELLITA 6 (D,F,G) G L Moore 5-9-7 B Rouse 90
8 (11) 1332 BONNY MELODY 24 (G) J Fanshawe 3-9-4 N Varley (5) 88
9 (5) 0311 HAWAIIAN DREAM 6 (D,F,G) G Lewis 3-9-3 A Whelan (7) 96
10 (6) 5231 BRADWELL 16 (F) M Tompkins 3-9-2 P Robinson 91
11 (4) -060 MOCKINGBIRD 21 (V,D,G) D Wilson 3-8-9 M Wigham 87
12 (3) 0402 YO-CANDO 6 (D,G) D Cosgrove 3-8-9 L Newton (5) 99
13 (10) 2601 ANGELIC DANCER 19 (B,D,F) S Bowring 3-8-3 Dale Gibson 89
14 (7) 0-40 LUCY'S GOLD 24 (V) M Ryan 3-7-12 G Duffield 87

7-2 Hawaiian Dream, 9-2 Dare Sparrow, 5-1 Yo-Cando, 6-1 Bonny Melody, 8-1 Panchellita, 9-1 Bradwell, 10-1 Nakita, Madurai, 12-1 Angelic Dancer, 14-1 Lucy's Gold, Mockingbird, 16-1 others

3.30 FRITTON LAKE HANDICAP
(£3,804: 7f 3yd) (9)

1 (8) 0314 PROMISE CITY 22 (BF,G) J Gosden 3-9-10 G Hind 91
2 (2) 1106 TRYST 19 (D,F,S) J Scargill 3-9-10 M Tebbutt 94
3 (1) 6456 STOREY'S GATE 21 (D,F) J Fanshawe 3-9-9 P Robinson 92
4 (3) 3402 BE WARNED 13 (B,D,F) N Callaghan 3-9-8 Paul Eddery 96
5 (5) 0061 SOAKING 15 (D,F) G L Moore 4-9-7 B Rouse 94
6 (6) 5022 CONFRONTER 8 (D,G,S) S Dow 5-9-3 K Darley 98
7 (9) -400 BRAVEBOY 13 (D,S) C Brittain 6-8-13 B Doyle (3) 92
8 (7) 1515 BROADSTAIRS BEAUTY 15 (BF,G) S Bowring 4-8-7 S D Williams 91
9 (4) 0006 JUST FLAMENCO 6 (S) M Ryan 3-8-5 G Duffield 99

3-1 Be Warned, 4-1 Storey's Gate, 9-2 Soaking, 5-1 Promise City, 7-1 Confronter, 8-1 Tryst, 10-1 Braveboy, 12-1 others.

4.00 CROMER LIMITED STAKES
(£3,158: 1m 3yd) (11)

1 (1) 4561 SON OF SHARP SHOT 10 (D,F,G) J Dunlop 4-9-8 Paul Eddery 96
2 (11) 0416 PERDITION 22 (D,F) J Hills 4-9-3 M Henry (7) 94
3 (7) 0001 NAJM ALMAYDAAN 9 (V,D,F) J Gosden 3-9-2 G Hind 96
4 (10) 0012 SOUTH EASTERN FRED 24 (D,F,G) H Collingridge 3-9-2 J Quinn 87
5 (5) 5000 KARINSKA 50 (CD,F,G) M Chapman 4-9-0 D R McCabe (5) 96
6 (6) 4-40 SPRING SIXPENCE 21 (F) J Fanshawe 4-9-0 N Varley (5) 95
7 (3) 0222 EQUERRY 9 M Jarvis 3-8-13 P Robinson 99
8 (2) 0005 DANGEROUS SHADOW 16 (F,S) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-8 K Darley 90
9 (3) 0240 NARBONNE 24 B McMath 3-8-8 E Johnson 93
10 (9) 000 RIVER FANTASY 14 R Guest 3-8-8 B Doyle (3) 95
11 (4) 0450 UNDYING MEMORIES 8 (BF) A Scott 3-8-8 J Tate (3) 76

3-1 Najm Almaydaan, 7-2 Son Of Sharp Shot, 4-1 Equerry, 6-1 South Eastern Fred, 8-1 Perdition, 10-1 Dangerous Shadow, 12-1 Karinska, 14-1 others.

4.30 JOHN BECKETT MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,688: 1m 2f 21yd) (16 runners)

1 (6) LIMITED LIABILITY M Prescott 4-9-6 G Duffield –
2 (7) SHIP OF THE LINE J Fanshawe 4-9-6 N Varley (5) –
3 (13) 60 STORM PARTY 31 D Cosgrove 4-9-1 M Wigham –
4 (10) BENJAMINS LAW J Pickering 3-8-12 –
5 (9) CITADEL HILL H Cecil 3-8-12 A McGlone –
6 (14) 0 DOUBLE JEOPARDY 8 L Cumani 3-8-12 K Darley –
7 (15) 22 GHAALI 19 (BF) W Hern 3-8-12 Paul Eddery 99
8 (3) KAROO LARK J Gosden 3-8-12 G Hind –
9 (8) MERCADIER C Brittain 3-8-12 B Doyle (3) –
10 (4) 0 RISING MAN 96 A Jarvis 3-8-12 J Tate (3) –
11 (16) -052 RISING SPRAY 24 (BF) P Harris 3-8-12 P Robinson 93
12 (11) 40- WHISPERING LOCH 300 P Harris 3-8-12 J Quinn 77
13 (1) 55 KAMCHATKA 49 J Fanshawe 3-8-7 W Woods 98
14 (12) NAULAKHA J Gosden 3-8-7 Dale Gibson –
15 (5) PERSIAN SMOKE A Hide 3-8-7 M Tebbutt –
16 (2) 5302 YO KIRI-B 33 D Cosgrove 3-8-7 L Newton (5) 90

5-2 Citadel Hill, 4-1 Ghaali, 5-1 Limited Liability, 6-1 Double Jeopardy, 8-1 Rising Spray, 10-1 Kamchatka, 12-1 Naulakha, 14-1 others.

5.00 MUNDESLEY MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,101: 1m 3f 101yd) (13)

1 (6) 6-05 SIR KRISPIN 29 P Harris 4-9-11 G Hind 94
2 (3) 4550 MONTE CAVO 17 C Wall 3-9-9 C Webb (7) 94
3 (13) 0066 CURTELACE 19 Lady Herries 4-9-7 K Darley 87
4 (2) 6033 STALLED 19 P Walwyn 4-9-7 G Duffield 96
5 (1) 6522 HIGH COMEDY 28 (V,BF) J Fanshawe 3-9-6 W Woods 96
6 (4) 0-20 MUCH TOO CLEVER 14 D Morley 3-9-6 M Tebbutt 94
7 (11) 5006 HEATHCOTE PLACE 6 J Gosden 3-9-2 Dale Gibson 96
8 (9) 0063 BANANA COVE 17 Mrs J Cecil 3-9-1 P Robinson 94
9 (7) 030 PUCK'S DELIGHT 12 D Thom 4-8-10 M Wigham 98
10 (10) 0-00 SWEET CAROLINE 6 Pat Mitchell 3-8-6 L Newton (5) 97
11 (8) 0480 PURE MADNESS 5 (V) J Scargill 4-8-1 J Tate (3) 92
12 (5) 0566 STARICA 17 (B) W Elsey 3-7-13 A Whelan (7) 99
13 (12) 0000 MASURI KABISA 22 H Collingridge 3-7-9 J Quinn 91

7-2 Banana Cove, 9-2 Heathcote Place, 6-1 Stalled, 7-1 Curtelace, 8-1 High Comedy, 10-1 Sir Krispin, Starica, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 27 winners from 88 runners, 30.7%; P Harris, 6 from 22, 27.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 4 from 16, 25.0%; J Hills, 8 from 34, 23.5%; G Wragg, 19 from 82, 23.2%; J Gosden, 19 from 84, 22.6%; A Stewart, 14 from 63, 22.2%.

JOCKEYS: G Hind, 8 winners from 37 rides, 21.6%; P Robinson, 18 from 90, 20.0%; K Darley, 4 from 24, 16.7%; L Newton, 4 from 29, 13.8%; M Tebbutt, 12 from 97, 12.4%; B Doyle, 6 from 53, 11.3%.

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2.10 Pratique. 2.45 Murphy's Gold. 3.15 Elfin Laughter. 3.50 La Dama. 4.20 Cliburnel News. 4.50 Drummer Hicks.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 BURNS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,786: 7f) (8 runners)

1 0 FARMO 40 J Gosden 9-0 Dean McKeown 6
2 0-0 NORD LYS 134 F Lee 9-0 S Perks 2
3 36 RED FIVE 13 D Moffatt 9-0 N Kennedy 4
4 0262 AS SHARP AS 30 B Hills 8-9 D Holland 5
5 0-46 LEVEL EDGE 15 M Johnston 8-9 J Weaver 8
6 06 MY SILVERSMITH 6 P Monteith 8-9 S Maloney 7
7 2000 PRATIQUE 13 J Gosden 8-9 G Carter 1
8 0 RACHEL SHARP 33 C Fairhurst 8-9 D Wright (5) 3

7-4 Farmo, 11-4 As Sharp As, 7-2 Pratique, 7-1 Level Edge, 8-1 Red Five, 20-1 My Silversmith, 25-1 Rachel Sharp, 40-1 Nord Lys.

2.45 WEATHERBYS NEWCOMERS SERIES HANDICAP (£3,048: 7f) (12)

1 5230 PETITE MAXINE 16 (V) F Lee 3-9-10 S Perks 9
2 302 SONGS OF INNOCENCE 13 (B) J Watts 3-9-9 N Connorton 12
3 1600 KANAT LEE 10 (D,F) Don Enrico Incisa 3-9-5 Kim Tinkler 2
4 0436 ASHDREN 66 (D,G,S) A Harrison 7-9-4 J Stack (7) 7
5 0000 KIERCHEM 35 (G) R Fisher 3-9-4 Dean McKeown 4
6 6-00 MY GALLERY 31 (B,S) A Bailey 3-9-2 D Wright (5) 1
7 -332 AMNESIA 28 (G) Mrs S Bradburne 3-9-1 J Lowe 11
8 4026 LANCASHIRE LIFE 10 E Alston 3-8-11 D Holland 5
9 1605 MURPHY'S GOLD 14 (C,D,F) R Fahey 3-8-9 J Weaver 6
10 -002 MOKAITE 12 (D,F) J Berry 3-8-8 G Carter 3
11 4600 WILD PROSPECT 6 (CD,F,G,S) C Tinkler 6-8-5 S Maloney 8
12 0000 WALTER STREET 12 (B) C Fairhurst 9-7-11 N Carlisle 10

9-4 Songs Of Innocence, 6-1 Mokaite, 7-1 Ashdren, Lancashire Life, 8-1 Petite Maxine, 10-1 Murphy's Gold, 12-1 others.

3.15 DICK PEACOCK NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £2,866: 1m) (6)

1 4021 EIGHT SHARP 12 (C,S) B Hills 9-7 D Holland 6
2 4046 SHEROY 19 J Dunlop 9-1 G Carter 1
3 451 ANOTHER BAILEYS 65 (F) M Johnston 8-7 J Weaver 5
4 4001 ELFIN LAUGHTER 7 (F) R Hannon 8-2 (5ex) Dean McKeown 4
5 0036 PIPERS GLEN 12 C Parker 7-12 J Lowe 2
6 0210 THREE ARCH BRIDGE 35 (F) M Johnston 7-7 N Carlisle 3

7-4 Eight Sharp, 3-1 Another Baileys, 7-2 Elfin Laughter, 5-1 Sheroy, 7-1 Three Arch Bridge, 10-1 Pipers Glen

3.50 EBF KIRKOSWALD MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,827: 6f) (8)

1 35 BELINDA BLUE 12 R Fahey 8-11 S Maloney 5
2 DE-VEERS CURRIE R Fisher 8-11 Dean McKeown 6
3 324 ECU 14 M Johnston 8-11 J Weaver 1
4 HIWAYA H Thomson Jones 8-11 N Carlisle 8
5 IDLE MISCHIEF J Watts 8-11 T Ives 3
6 4 LA DAMA 23 B Hills 8-11 D Holland 7
7 06 RAMBORETTE 19 Denys Smith 8-11 N Connorton 2
8 233 STAR TULIP 12 J Dunlop 8-11 G Carter 4

6-4 Star Tulip, 2-1 La Dama, 5-1 Hiwaya, 10-1 Idle Mischief, Ecu, Belinda Blue, 25-1 Ramborette, 33-1 De-Veers Currie.

4.20 DUMFRIES SELLING STAKES
(£2,564: 1m 5f 13yd) (6)

1 30-0 BEAUMOOD 6 (V,D,F,G,S) E Alston 8-9-5 D Holland 3
2 -000 BRUSQUE 5 (S) Don Enrico Incisa 10-9-5 Kim Tinkler 6
3 4103 CLIBURNEL NEWS 12 (G,F) W Muir 4-9-5 J Weaver 5
4 406/ FLASH OF REALM 113J (G,S) P Monteith 6-9-5 S Maloney 4
5 3006 NABURN LOCH 6 G Kelly 4-9-0 J Stack (7) 2
6 4431 MONKEY WENCH 3 (V,C,F) J Berry 3-8-6 G Carter 1

11-10 Monkey Wench, 5-4 Cliburnel News, 8-1 Naburn Loch, 12-1 Flash Of Realm, 16-1 Brusque, Beaumood.

4.50 BELMONT HANDICAP
(£3,631: 1m 2f) (6)

1 6221 PENNY A DAY 13 (D,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-10 G Parkin (7) 6
2 0045 DRUMMER HICKS 13 (D,F,G,S) E Weymes 5-9-4 Dean McKeown 4
3 2251 SUE'S ARTISTE 12 (CD,S) B Hills 3-9-3 D Holland 2
4 4452 IMPERIAL BID 27 (D,F,G) Denys Smith 6-8-8 N Connorton 1
5 3243 DURHAM DRAPES 8 M H Easterby 3-8-1 S Maloney 3
6 000- ARECIBO 307 M Johnston 3-7-11 N Carlisle 5

9-4 Penny A Day, 5-2 Sue's Artiste, 7-2 Drummer Hicks, 5-1 Imperial Bid, 8-1 Durham Drapes, 12-1 Arecibo.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Hills, 17 winners from 42 runners, 40.5%; J Dunlop, 6 from 15, 40.0%; J Gosden, 6 from 26, 23.1%; Mrs M Reveley, 15 from 75, 20.0%; H Thomson Jones, 4 from 20, 20.0%; M H Easterby, 18 from 96, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 12 winners from 44 rides, 27.3%; J Weaver, 10 from 60, 16.7%; S Maloney, 10 from 74, 13.5%; Dean McKeown, 13 from 99, 13.1%; N Connorton, 7 from 70, 10.0%. Only qualifiers.

Blinkered first time

AYR: 2.45 Petite Maxine. UTTOXETER: 6.50 Nordross. YARMOUTH: 2.55 Lucy's Gold. 5.00 High Comedy, Pure Madness. YORK: 4.15 Daru. 5.15 Storiths.

SALISBURY

THUNDERER

5.35 Fay's Song. 6.05 Our Darling Boy. 6.35 Zeboim. 7.05 Solo Prize. 7.35 Doodies Pool. 8.05 Hagwah.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

5.35 WOODFORD APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,988: 6f) (15 runners)

1 300- BAYSHAM 308J (B,CD,G,S) B Millman 8-9-12 R Waterfield (3) 14
2 0022 KILDEE LAD 9 (D,G) A Jones 4-9-12 C Scally (3) 2
3 0201 FAY'S SONG 12 (D,F,S) R Akehurst 6-9-8 R Moogan (5) 5
4 -500 THE WITCHBOY 8 R Baker 3-8-13 L Suthern (5) 7
5 5404 HARRY'S COMING 6 (D,BF,F,G,S) R Hodges 10-8-12 Amanda Sanders (6) 6
6 0800 MONSIEUR PETONG 9 (D,G) M Channon 3-8-12 A Eddery (7) 13
7 0165 PADDY'S RICE 12 (D,F) L Holt 3-8-11 Iona Wands (5) 3
8 0006 COURTING NEWMARKET 5 (D,G) Mrs A Knight 6-8-7 Sarah Thompson 11
9 0660 MINNIE NORTH 24 P Murphy 3-8-2 Martin Dwyer 4
10 -000 WESTERN VALLEY 72 (CD,G) C Wildman 4-8-0 S McCarthy (3) 15
11 4066 CHILLY TIME 7 (B) P Murphy 3-7-11 C Adamson (3) 8
12 0-00 PEGGOTTY 8 P Hayward 6-7-11 Rhona Gent (7) 10
13 /0/ RIVIERA SCENE 733 P Mitchell 11-7-7 J Fowle (10) 12
14 -005 SCARLET PRINCESS 41 (D,S) R Hodges 6-7-7 A Daly (5) 1
15 0006 BEACHY GLEN 19J (D,G,S) B Baker 7-7-7 R Mullen (7) 9

7-2 Fay's Song, 5-1 Kildee Lad, 6-1 Harry's Coming, 7-1 Paddy's Rice, 8-1 Chilly Time, 10-1 The Witchboy, Baysham, 12-1 others.

6.05 ODSTOCK MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,178: 6f) (12)

1 ACECHO J Dunlop 9-0 S Whitworth 1
2 DARK MENACE S Mellor 9-0 T Sprake 5
3 FATTASH C Benstead 9-0 B Rouse 7
4 00 HARVEST REAPER 8 M Channon 9-0 B Hughes 6
5 HIMALAYAN BLUE M Channon 9-0 A Clark 8
6 IMPATIENT CHARTER R Simpson 9-0 S Raymont 4
7 KETCHICAN S Knight 9-0 A Dicks 12
8 2 OUR DARLING BOY 50 R Hannon 9-0 R Perham 9
9 0 SOUTH SOUND 19 R Hannon 9-0 J Reid 3
10 0 FOXHILL BLUE 26 M Usher 8-9 N Adams 11
11 MNEMONIC H Candy 8-9 W Newnes 2
12 SILVER GALAXY Lord Huntingdon 8-9 J Williams 10

7-4 Our Darling Boy, 3-1 Acecho, 5-1 Silver Galaxy, 7-1 Mnemonic, 10-1 Himalayan Blue, South Sound, 12-1 others.

6.35 BBC WILTSHIRE SOUND HANDICAP
(£4,370: 6f 212yd) (14)

1 0060 CAZZUTO 24 (D,G,S) J Dunlop 3-9-10 S Whitworth 1
2 3510 DESERT TIME 13 (F) C Horgan 4-9-5 M Perrett 10
3 -223 HERORA 55 (BF,F,G) N Graham 5-9-3 J Reid 2
4 3305 MR NEVERMIND 8 (D,F,G) G L Moore 4-9-2 B Rouse 4
5 6000 COMMON LAW 21 (S) M Channon 4-9-1 R Hughes 11
6 -542 ZEBOIM 184 (B,C,F,G) W Muir 8-9-0 Stephen Davies (3) 5
7 -030 MAPENGO 70 (BF) G Harwood 3-9-0 A Clark 13
8 -620 TANDIA 12 (F) M Pipe 3-8-13 J Williams 8
9 0045 CAPE PIGEON 31 (B,D,F,S) L Cottrell 9-8-10 M Fenton (3) 6
10 1060 PORTE BELLOCH 8 (G) C Nash 3-8-10 R Perham 7
11 2005 EJTAAZ 10 M Pipe 3-8-10 G Bardwell 3
12 0015 ALASKAN PRINCESS 7 (D,F) B Smart 4-8-8 W Newnes 9
13 1443 VANBOROUGH LAD 13 (G,S) M Bolton 5-8-6 C Rutter 12
14 -120 JOLTO 38 (CD,BF,G) K Cunningham-Brown 5-7-8 N Adams 14

9-2 Herora, 6-1 Vanborough Lad, 7-1 Desert Time, Mr Nevermind, 8-1 Zeboim, Common Law, 10-1 Cazzuto, Jolto, 12-1 Mapengo, 14-1 others.

7.05 NIGHTFALL CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,348: 5f) (6)
SKY

1 4110 CIM BOM BOM 65 (D,F,S) M Bell 8-13 M Fenton (3) 4
2 1 FINE SOME 28 (G,S) T Mills 8-13 J Reid 1
3 4034 SOLO PRIZE 21 (D,F,S) G Lewis 8-13 Paul Eddery 5
4 CHEVENNE SPIRIT 8 (D,F) B Hanbury 8-8 J Williams 5
5 FRIMONE 10 (G) B Hannon 8-8 Pat Eddery 3
6 301 SHARP ROSE 12 (D,F) M Stoute 8-5 Stephen Davies (3) 2

6-4 Cim Bom Bom, 7-2 Solo Prize, 9-2 Sharp Rose, 5-1 Fine Some, 6-1 Frimone, 14-1 Chevenne Spirit.

7.35 NETTON CLAIMING HANDICAP
SKY
(£3,122: 6f 212yd) (18)

1 3244 BOLD HABIT 7 (B,D,F,G) J Pearce 9-10-0 G Bardwell 5
2 0423 TEANARCO 6 (CD,F,G,S) R Simpson 6-10-0 D Griffiths (7) 8
3 3-60 TOPEKA 31 P Makin 4-9-12 R Perham 18
4 2102 FLAIR LADY 35 (G) W G M Turner 3-9-11 A Daly (7) 3
5 -060 GREENSON 50 (F) P Cole 3-9-11 T Quinn 2
6 226- MOGLEAR EXPRESS 328J (F,G,S) J Bradley 7-9-10 C Rutter 10
7 0160 SCREWBALL ANACONDA 31 (D,F) C James 3-9-8 S Whitworth 7
8 4028 HIGH TYPHA 9 R Hannon 3-9-8 R Hughes 17
9 3051 DOODIES POOL 9 (G) G L Moore 4-9-8 (5ex) B Rouse 16
10 0050 MOORUN 8 (F,G) W Muir 5-9-7 A Clark 1
11 4060 SINGERS IMAGE 82 (V,C,F,G) G Balding 5-9-7 J Williams 9
12 3400 HANKYDISON 131J T George 4-9-4 K Rutter (3) 14
13 -068 INSUPERABLE 20 N Graham 3-9-4 J Reid 11
14 5050 GLEN MILLER 16 (D,F) J Payne 4-9-2 W Newnes 13
15 0000 FAIRFIELD CHOICE 25 R Baker 3-9-2 M Perrett 4
16 256- STATE OF AFFAIRS 185J (F) C Horgan 7-9-2 Paul Eddery 6
17 3043 SIR OLIVER 7 (G) R Hodges 5-9-2 Pat Eddery 15
18 3012 ABAWA 43 (B,G) D Marks 4-9-0 T Sprake 12

5-1 Sir Oliver, 6-1 High Typha, 7-1 Teanarco, 8-1 Abawa, Doodies Pool, Bold Habit, 10-1 Flair Lady, 12-1 Greenson, Moorun, 14-1 Singers Image, Insuperable, 16-1 Glen Miller, 20-1 others.

8.05 NETHERAVON MAIDEN STAKES
SKY
(2-Y-O: £4,150: 6f 212yd) (18)

1 6 ATH CHEANNAITHE 5 J Moore 9-0 R Price 9
2 24 CRYSTAL BLADE 20 (BF) I Balding 9-0 M Hills 14
3 FLORIDANTE P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 18
4 FLORISMART J Toller 9-0 W Newnes 2
5 LORD JIM P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 J Reid 16
6 MAPHUM R Gotham 9-0 T Sprake 12
7 SABICAS C Mann 9-0 M Perrett 4
8 SIGNAL M Stoute 9-0 B Rouse 10
9 SILENTLY I Balding 9-0 S O'Gorman 13
10 STATE LAW G Harwood 9-0 A Clark 1
11 SUNDAY SAILING J Dunlop 9-0 S Whitworth 8
12 0 THOMAS CROWN S R Hannon 9-0 R Perham 17
13 ZANJABEEL M Stoute 9-0 K Bradshaw 5
14 AMBER LILY J Arnold 8-9 C Rutter 11
15 -52 HAGWAH 21 B Hanbury 8-9 W R Swinburn 15
16 KRISTAL BREEZE W Muir 8-9 Stephen Davies (3) 6
17 LADY WRITER R Charlton 8-9 Pat Eddery 3
18 SHAMROCK FAIR Lord Huntingdon 8-9 J Williams 7

11-4 Crystal Blade, 3-1 Lady Writer, 4-1 Lord Jim, 6-1 Hagwah, 7-1 Floridante, 10-1 Zanjabeel, 12-1 Signal, 14-1 Shamrock Fair, Sunday Sailing, Silently, 16-1 Thomas Crown, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Stoute, 6 winners from 24 runners, 25.0%; P Chapple-Hyam, 5 from 21, 23.8%; G Harwood, 18 from 80, 22.5%; B Hanbury, 4 from 19, 21.1%; M Pipe, 3 from 15, 20.0%; Mrs A Knight, 3 from 18, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: W R Swinburn, 14 winners from 49 rides, 28.6%; Pat Eddery, 23 from 119, 19.3%; M Hills, 10 from 56, 17.9%; J Reid, 25 from 163, 15.3%; T Quinn, 13 from 124, 10.5%; J Williams, 23 from 223, 10.3%.

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5.50 Tykeyvor. 6.20 Johnsted. 6.50 Azureus. 7.20 Classic Image. 7.50 Lynch Law. 8.20 Storm Drum.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

5.50 TRENT BATHROOMS NOVICES HURDLE
(Div I: £2,264: 2m) (10 runners)

1 2/1 SIMPLY GEORGE 17 (F) J White 5-11-7 A Maguire
2 03-4 ALIF 20 W Clay 5-11-0 Diane Clay
3 /P-0 AQID 12 J Bostock 7-11-0 D Byrne
4 00- KELBURNE LAD 110 K Bailey 5-11-0 N Williamson
5 P6-0 SYLVAN SABRE 12 K Morgan 5-11-0 A S Smith
6 0/F- TUROLDUS 91 P Dalton 9-11-0 W Marston
7 0P- AWESTRUCK 34F (B) B Preece 4-10-11 T Wall
8 40S- FLAMING MIRACLE 80 (B) G Barnett 4-10-11 D Bridgwater
9 FF- KINCADE 265 B Cambidge 4-10-11 Mr J Cambidge
10 TYKEYVOR 40F M Tompkins 4-10-11 M Richards

6-4 Simply George, 3-1 Tykeyvor, 6-1 Kelburne Lad, 7-1 Alif, 10-1 Sylvan Sabre, 14-1 Flaming Miracle, 16-1 Kincade, 20-1 others.

6.20 GARY HEARD BIRTHDAY LADY RIDERS CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,253: 2m) (5)

1 33-1 SOPHISM 19 (CD,F,S) M Pipe 5-12-0 Miss A Harwood (3)
2 542- JOHNSTED 80 (D,F,G,S) W Clay 8-11-10 Diane Clay
3 12-3 RULING DYNASTY 7 (B,D,F,G,S) M Usher 10-11-6 Lorna Vincent
4 04-3 ALWAYS READY 20 (B,CD,F,G) R Lee 8-11-0 Miss C Thomas
5 0/4 PRIDEWOOD GOLDING 20 R Price 7-11-0 Miss S Higgins (7)

6-4 Sophism, 2-1 Ruling Dynasty, 7-2 Johnsted, 8-1 Always Ready, 10-1 Pridewood Golding.

6.50 JOINERS ARMS SELLING HURDLE
(£2,190: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 20-3 BUSMAN 5 (D,S) J O'Shea 5-11-12 F Leahy (5)
2 1/2- AZUREUS 50F (D,F) J A Harris 6-11-0 A Maguire
3 23-5 LUKS AKURA 5 W Clay 6-11-0 Diane Clay
4 5P0- WINGS OF FREEDOM 98 (V,D,F) J Jenkins 6-11-0 N Williamson
5 505- CREAGMHOR 10F B Llewellyn 4-10-11 Mr J L Llewellyn (5)
6 000- NORDROSS 92 (V) J Peacock 6-10-9 R Bellamy
7 365- KOSVILLE 36F M Pipe 4-10-6 R Dunwoody

6-4 Azureus, 9-4 Kosville, 3-1 Busman, 12-1 Luks Akura, 20-1 Creagmhor, Nordross, 25-1 Wings Of Freedom.

7.20 TRENT BATHROOMS NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £2,253: 2m) (11)
SKY

1 3-21 ALAN BALL 12 (D,F,G,S) Miss S Wilton 8-11-7 G McCourt
2 1 JUNCTION TWENTYTWO 5 (F) C Broad 4-11-4 W Marston
3 0PP- ALWAYS ALLIED 272 Dr P Pritchard 6-11-0 Dr P Pritchard
4 KINLOGH GALE J O'Shea 6-11-0 D Bridgwater
5 4P3- NEWHALL PRINCE 77 (B) J Smith 6-11-0 D Leahy (3)
6 CLASSIC IMAGE 758F M Pipe 4-10-11 R Dunwoody
7 45- MR BEAN 75F K Burke 4-10-11 M A Fitzgerald
8 53- WITHOUT A FLAG 212 J White 4-10-11 A Maguire
9 P0- ZAYAM 182 D Gandolfo 4-10-11 R Farrant (3)
10 5-60 DALBEATTIE 5 P Dalton 5-10-9 D Winter (7)
11 024- SMART IN SABLE 97 P Hedger 7-10-9 M Richards

3-1 Alan Ball, 7-2 Classic Image, 9-2 Junction Twentytwo, 5-1 Mr Bean, 8-1 Smart In Sable, 10-1 Without A Flag, 12-1 Newhall Prince, Dalbeattie, 14-1 others

7.50 JENKINSONS NOVICES CHASE
SKY
(£3,063: 2m 5f) (8)

1 04-1 VAZON EXPRESS 12 (F) P Dalton 8-11-6 W Marston
2 0AU EXPRESS TRAVEL 19 R Curtis 6-11-0 D Morris
3 43P- FROZEN DROP 134 P Rodford 7-11-0 Richard Guest
4 45-3 KHAZARI 17 (G,S) R Brotherton 6-11-0 T Jenks (3)
5 121- LYNCH LAW 75 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-0 R Dunwoody
6 0PY SHINING PENNY 453 M Wilkinson 7-11-0 G McCourt
7 -P/ THE DARK WATCH 68P R Brotherton 11-11-0 Miss S Wallin
8 2U4- THE YOKEL 92 W Clay 8-11-0 D Bridgwater

5-4 Lynch Law, 2-1 Vazon Express, 8-1 Frozen Drop, Express Travel, 10-1 others

8.20 BBC IN THE MIDLANDS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,626: 3m 110yd) (9)
SKY

1 013- COURT CIRCULAR 90 (V,CD,F,G) W Clay 5-12-0 Diane Clay
2 382- RIMOUSKI 34F (CD,G) B Cambidge 6-11-13 Mr J Cambidge
3 120- STORM DRUM 94 (B,CD,F,G,S) K Bailey 5-11-6 N Williamson
4 /4/- KAYFAAT 608 (G) M Pipe 6-10-10 R Dunwoody
5 003- ARR EFF BEE 106 (B,G) J Smith 7-10-7 A Maguire
6 1/P- DR MACCARTER 6F (CD,G,S) A Forbes 7-10-3 T Eley (3)
7 040- SUNSET AGAIN 125 (F) P Ritchens 9-10-0 Richard Guest
8 358- MO ICHI DO 77 (B,CD,F,G,S) Miss S Wilton 8-10-0 D Bridgwater
9 5/0- NOBLE BID 267 (B,C,D,F) Miss S Wilton 10-10-0 M Kolosine (7)

2-1 Rimouski, 7-2 Court Circular, 4-1 Storm Drum, 6-1 Kayfaat, 7-1 Arr Eff Bee, 12-1 Dr Maccarter, 14-1 Mo Ichi Do, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Tompkins, 8 winners from 17 runners, 47.1%; M Pipe, 43 from 139, 30.9%; K Bailey, 14 from 62, 22.6%; P Dalton, 6 from 30, 20.0%; R Lee, 10 from 67, 14.9%; J White, 3 from 26, 11.5%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 35 winners from 145 rides, 24.1%; D Byrne, 7 from 34, 20.6%; G McCourt, 16 from 89, 18%; N Williamson, 21 from 122, 17.2%; A Maguire, 15 from 94, 16.0%.

Only Royale completes majestic double

By Julian Muscat

THE Knavesmire air was laced with *déjà vu* yesterday after Only Royale had captured the historic Yorkshire Oaks for the second year running.

The only difference to events of 12 months ago was Only Royale's style of victory. An easy winner from Dancing Bloom on that occasion, the Luca Cumani-trained mare completely overwhelmed the same filly this time as she sauntered home by six lengths. No group one prize can ever have been won with such overwhelming authority.

HISTORIC EVENTS

Nap: GAY GALLANTA
(2.35 York)
Next best: Let's Get Lost
(4.15 York)

As with Rainbow Lake last season, Khaled Abdulla's silks adorned the red-hot favourite, but Bolas, who set a strong gallop, was among the first beaten as State Crystal stormed to the front three furlongs out. The latter's break looked decisive, so it was a surprise to see Dancing Bloom overhaul State Crystal with apparent ease.

However, no sooner had Dancing Bloom assumed the lead then Only Royale swept past and away, with Lanfranco Dettori doing little more than savouring the view from the saddle. As the jockey later said: "It was an amazing performance. She could have won by 20 lengths if I had pushed her out. I have never won a group one race so easily and probably never will again."



HUGH ROUTLEDGE

The giant grey Hasten To Add, with Duffield aboard, justifies 13-2 favouritism by lasting home in the Tote Ebor at York

Only Royale's victory 12 months ago announced her arrival in the top flight, and there was no doubting her misfortune in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. She was repeatedly hampered, most noticably by the erratic Talloires, in finishing fifth behind Urban Sea.

The Arc is again her objective; if the name of her dam, Etoile de Paris, is any sort of omen, she will indeed raise the standard in the Bois du Bolougne.

Another female in sparkling form was the Texan-born Josephine Abercrombie, whose 13-2 favourite, Hasten To Add, galloped home to a thunderous ovation in the Tote Ebor Handicap over 14 furlongs.

The giant grey, one of the biggest horses in training, is an imposing sight when in full cry, as he was when George Duffield sent him clear half way down the long home straight. However, Admiral's Well was far from spent, and there was a menacing intent about his late challenge.

Here, too, a sense of *déjà vu* might have struck Hasten To Add's trainer, Mark Prescott, who has twice seen the horse inched out in photo finishes this season alone. But Hasten To Add's heart is as big as his frame, and to the delight of many, he outlasted Admiral's Well by half a length.

Abercrombie, now resident at her Pin Oak Stud in Kentucky, is a remarkable woman. She has, in her time, indulged in modelling, boxing promotion and no less than five husbands. The latest male to be detained was her pilot, who faced a lengthy wait on account of Abercrombie's taste for champagne.

In true Texan style, the Abercrombie fortune was amassed through the design of machinery for the capping of oil wells. The dollars have since flowed, and Abercrombie, an only child, now presides over the 850-acre Pin Oak Stud in Kentucky, where Hasten To Add was bred.

As for her career in boxing promotion, she handled such fighters as Carl "The Truth" Williams and Iran Berkeley, which invariably brought her into the same orbit as the famed American promotor, Don King. "I like Don King," she related. "I've had dealings with him and he was fine, no problem."

One shudders to calculate the impact King would have on the serene tranquility of the York winner's enclosure. Abercrombie, however, was perfectly at home, save for the absence of her fetching blue hat. "Oh, that," she explained. "Please forgive me, I threw it when my horse hit the wire."

Chilly Billy is hot property for Ramsdens

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

A STRONG nerve is required to turn down an offer of $250,000 for a cheaply bought horse who has not won a race — but then nobody could ever accuse Jack Ramsden of being timid.

Yesterday, the audacious gamble paid off when Chilly Billy produced a devastating turn of foot to win the Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes and earn a 33-1 quote for next season's 2,000 Guineas.

The two-year-old, who cost 20,000 guineas as a yearling, is trained by Lynda Ramsden, whose husband, Jack, is not only one of the shrewdest punters in the land but is also the main shareholder in the eight-man sydicate that owns the Master Willie colt.

Godolphin, the Shaikh Mohammed-inspired racing operation based in Dubai, made the substanital offer for Chilly Billy after he had finished a promising third in the Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot. Having seen the quality of Chilly Billy's homework, Ramsden was convinced he was a serious horse and persuaded the syndicate to reject the Arab dollars.

Even Ramsden must have had second thoughts when the horse was well beaten in a run-of-the-mill maiden at Ayr a month ago, but yesterday's 12-1 victory confirmed his judgment.

"After Ascot we decided to turn the offer down because we felt there were better days ahead. I don't think today is a fluke because he is a seriously good racehorse by our standards. He won like a good horse with a real turn of foot."

The racecourse commentator had started calling Fallow the winner as David Loder's July Stakes winner powered to the front at the furlong pole. Chilly Billy had only two horses behind until he went for a gap down the stands rail and burst through to lead inside the final 50 yards.

The group two victory completed a remarkable day for Ramsden, whose syndicate also owned Vocalize, the 6-1 winner of the Rous Selling Stakes. Not only did Ramsden back both horses, he also found the winner of the Ebor handicap and had the forecast.

Michael Stoute's marvellous meeting continued when Raah Algharb came from last to first to take the Roses Stakes. The trainer has always held a high opinion of the speedy son of Gone West, who is showing his ability now that he has learnt to relax.

"Keep him to five furlongs: don't go any further. The Flying Childers at Doncaster would be ideal," Walter Swinburn said on dismounting. A somewhat startled Stoute agreed.

Gay Gallanta can sparkle again

YORK
C4

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.05: Charnwood Forest, second favourite for the 2,000 Guineas, has been earning rave reviews from Newmarket work watchers but Henry Cecil's newcomer is likely to need his debut run, especially as one of his galloping companions finished in mid-field in a recent Nottingham maiden.

Of those with racecourse experience, Delta Soleil, Merry Oaks and Spanish Duty should improve but I will take a chance with **Takkatamm**, Michael Stoute's unraced Forty Niner colt, who is entered for the top autumn group races.

2.35: Stoute's fillies have been in outstanding form and **Gay Gallanta** can continue the run. The Queen Mary Stakes winner sparkled on the Limekilns last Wednesday and will take some beating here as she should appreciate the step up to six furlongs. The form of Brief Glimpse's Super Sprint win has been advertised by the subsequent record-breaking victories of third-placed Options Open, but a line through Femme Savante suggests she must improve to figure. Flowerdrum justified Peter Chapple-Hyam's high opinion of his Sadler's Wells filly when she won a listed race on her debut but Dick Hern's Harayir, second to Stoute's Red Carnival in the Cherry Hinton Stakes, is the biggest danger.

3.10: If **Lochsong** runs up to her form, the Queen of Speed will leave this field trailing in her wake. Last time out, in the King George Stakes at Goodwood, the six-year-old mare readily outpaced today's rival, Mistertopogigo, and the fourth-placed horse, Lake Coniston, boosted the form with a fine victory at Deauville yesterday.

3.45: Palace Pageant looks the best handicapped horse but is without a win this season and faces a trio of in-form milers. Bintalshaati put up her best performance when beating Paonic at Newmarket but has been raised 9lb for that victory. Desert Shot has paid an even bigger price for his runaway Goodwood success and has shot up 11lb in the weights.

I will remain loyal to **Three In One**, who is unlucky not to have won his last three races. Stoute's runner impressed when quickening to win at Haydock 12 days ago and he still appears fairly treated. Expect a much-improved performance from Dover Straits, who returns to the racecourse having been gelded.

4.15: Lynda Ramsden complicates matters by running two, but **Let's Get Lost** scored the cheekiest of victories at Haydock last Friday and must have excellent chances of following up. The gelding led on the bit inside the last 50 yards and only has a 4lb penalty today. Laxford Bridge looks an improving type and Master OfThe House has found a new lease of life at the age of eight, but Golden Hello and Tajannab are the main dangers.



Stoute: high hopes

Richard Evans

YORK

THUNDERER

2.05 Charnwood Forest
2.35 Gay Gallanta
3.10 Lochsong
3.45 Bintalshaati
4.15 Laxford Bridge
4.45 NOBLE ROSE (nap)
5.15 Fraam

Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.35 HARAYIR.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Gay Gallanta.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

2.05 MOORESTYLE CONVIVIAL MAIDEN STAKES (C4)
(2-Y-O: £9,381: 6f) (8 runners)

101	(2)		CHARNWOOD FOREST (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	M J Kinane	—
102	(8)	4	DELTA SOLEIL 34 (American Connection I) P Harris 9-0	R Cochrane	80
103	(5)	22	GREEN PERFUME 8 (BF) (Lord Sondes) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	91
104	(6)	0	JUST DISSIDENT 29 (Mrs C Hedgetts) R Whitaker 9-0	A Culhane	—
105	(3)	2	MERRY OAKS 26 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	L Dettori	[illegible]
106	(1)	3	PRUSSIAN FLAG 69 (M Pescod) R Hannon 9-0	Pat Eddery	83
107	(7)	4	SPANISH DUTY 19 (BF) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	J Reid	92
108	(4)		TAKKATAMM (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	—

BETTING: 7-2 Charnwood Forest, 4-1 Prussian Flag, 9-2 Merry Oaks, Takkatamm, 5-1 Spanish Duty, 11-2 Green Perfume, 12-1 Delta Soleil, 33-1 Just Dissident.

1993: OWINGTON 9-0 M Hills (5-4 fav) G Wragg 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHARNWOOD FOREST (foaled 17 March), by Sadler's Wells out of unraced sister to Grand Prix de Paris winner Fort Wood and half-sister to several top-class winners.
DELTA SOLEIL 5¼l 4th of 13 to Itaab in maiden at Newbury (6f, good to firm). GREEN PERFUME 1½l 2nd of 12 to Twilight Sleep in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good). MERRY OAKS head 2nd of 9 to Kamga Tassani in maiden at Ascot (6f, good to firm). PRUSSIAN FLAG 1½l 3rd of 9 to Fallow in maiden at Sandown (5f, good). SPANISH DUTY 3¾l 4th of 13 to Muktabas in maiden at Goodwood (6f, firm).
Selection: MERRY OAKS

2.35 TALKLAND LOWTHER STAKES (C4)
(Group II: 2-Y-O fillies: £43,478: 6f) (7 runners)

201	(1)	51	GAY GALLANTA 64 (F) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	82
202	(7)	1101	MILLSTREAM 40 (C,F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Johnston 9-0	M J Kinane	84
203	(3)	111	BRIEF GLIMPSE 33 (D,F,G) (Whitsbury Racing) D Chappell 8-11	M Hills	91
204	(4)	1	FLOWERDRUM 33 (D,F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	DOUBTFUL	87
205	(6)	12	HARAYIR 44 (D,F) (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 8-11	W Carson	[illegible]
206	(2)	134	PEARL VENTURE 18 (F) (F Chao) S Woods 8-11	W Woods	78
207	(5)	116	WARNING STAR 44 (F) (S Crown) B Hills 8-11	R Hills	89

BETTING: 5-2 Gay Gallanta, 3-1 Flowerdrum, 7-2 Harayir, 5-1 Millstream, 7-1 Brief Glimpse, 8-1 Pearl Venture, 10-1 Warning Star.

1993: VELVET MOON 8-11 A Munro (10-1) P Cole 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

GAY GALLANTA beat Mysell a head in 15-runner group III Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, good to firm), with MILLSTREAM 8¼l 8th. MILLSTREAM beat Reghsis 2l in 3-runner Curragh Stakes at The Curragh (5f, soft). BRIEF GLIMPSE beat Femme Savante short head in auction race at Newbury (5f, good to firm). FLOWERDRUM beat Wavian 1¾l in Listed race at Newbury (6f, good to firm). HARAYIR short head 2nd of 7 to Red Carnival in group III Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket (6f, good to firm), with WARNING STAR 5¼l 6th. PEARL VENTURE 4l 4th of 8 to Macanal in Listed race at Cologne (6f, good).
Selection: FLOWERDRUM (nap)

3.10 KEENELAND NUNTHORPE STAKES (C4)
(Group I: £85,391: 5f) (11 runners)

301	(1)	11-1620	BLYTON LAD 54 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Addleshaw) B Oldroyd 8-9-6	S Webster	84
302	(6)	0-21540	EL YASAF 23 (B,D,F,G,S) (J Naughton) B Meehan 6-9-6	R Cochrane	77
303	(8)	20-1132	MISTERTOPOGIGO 23 (D,F,G) (G Alessi) B Beasley 4-9-6	A Munro	85
304	(10)	550615	UP AND AT 'EM 34 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Hughes) J Berry 4-9-6	J Carroll	78
305	(5)	1-11101	LOCHSONG 23 (CD,F,G,S) (J Smith) I Balding 6-9-3	L Dettori	[illegible]
306	(11)	300530	PALACEGATE JACK 23 (B,C,D,F,S) (Palacegate Corp) J Berry 3-9-3	L Piggott	72
307	(4)	025162	PICCOLO 11 (BF,F,S) (J Mitchell and Partners) M Channon 3-9-3	J Reid	82
308	(9)	24-1103	TABOOK 44 (F,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 3-9-3	W R Swinburn	76
309	(7)	312521	BLUE SIREN 23 (D,F,G,S) (J Smith) I Balding 3-9-0	M Hills	86
310	(2)	423-151	GREAT DEEDS 73 (D,F,G,S) (S Manghnani) M Channon 3-9-0	T Quinn	84
311	(3)	11222-3	RISKY 125 (D,F,G,S) (Roldvale Limited) R Hannon 3-9-0	Pat Eddery	78

BETTING: 8-13 Lochsong, 10-1 Mistertopogigo, 12-1 Risky, Great Deeds, Blue Siren, Blyton Lad, 14-1 Piccolo, 20-1 Tabook, 40-1 Up And At 'Em, 50-1 Palacegate Jack, 66-1 El Yasaf.

1993: LOCHSONG 5-9-3 L Dettori (10-1) I Balding 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

UP AND AT 'EM beat Lake Coniston short head in Sandown listed race (5f, good to firm) penultimate start with MISTERTOPOGIGO (4lb better off) neck 3rd. LOCHSONG beat MISTERTOPOGIGO (10lb worse off) 1¾l in group III King George Stakes at Goodwood with EL YASAF (10lb worse off) 10¾l 14th and PALACEGATE JACK (10lb worse off) 1l 15th. GREAT DEEDS beat Sabre Rattler 1½l in Ballyogan Stakes at Leopardstown (5f, good). RISKY 4l 3rd to Bufaste in group III Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury (7f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: LOCHSONG

3.45 BRADFORD & BINGLEY RATED HANDICAP (C4)
(£20,824: 7f 202yd) (13 runners)

401	(2)	4-03210	LOWER EGYPT 21 (CD,G) (Spinal Injuries Association) J Gosden 4-9-7	M J Kinane	97
402	(5)	2-124	RIVER BOARD 26 (F) (Mrs M Clark) W Haggas 4-9-3	L Piggott	91
403	(9)	211/500	WHITE CROWN 12 (F,S) (S Suhail) B Hanbury 4-9-0	B Raymond	90
404	(6)	22-212	DOVER STRAITS 79 (BF,D,F) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-10	L Dettori	91
405	(8)	1-20644	PALACE PAGEANT 23 (D,F,G) (F Mellon) I Balding 4-8-8	R Cochrane	[illegible]
406	(7)	33-2121	BINTALSHAATI 33 (D,F) (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-7	R Hills	96
407	(1)	110-80	WATANI 63 (G) (H Al Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-8-7	W Carson	91
408	(4)	16-0005	LAP OF LUXURY 12 (D,F,G) (I Hill-Wood) W Jarvis 5-8-7	T Quinn	98
409	(11)	0-51000	CALEMAN 55 (C,D,F) (M Berger) R Boss 5-8-7	W Ryan	93
410	(13)	440012	DESERT GREEN 15 (BF,D,F) (Mana Al Maktoum) R Hannon 5-8-7	W R Swinburn	92
411	(10)	342121	THREE IN ONE 12 (D,F,G) (W Scott) M Stoute 3-8-3	Pat Eddery	96
412	(3)	001612	PAONIC 33 (BF,D,F,G) (P Riccardi) L Cumani 3-8-2	M Hills	96
413	(12)	030226	MONIS 12 (F) (H Al Maktoum) T Thomson Jones 3-8-1	Stephen Davies (3)	97

Long handicap (4-y-o+): Lap Of Luxury 8-6, Caleman 8-5, Desert Green 8-1. (3-y-o): Paonic 8-2, Monis 7-12.

BETTING: 5-1 Three In One, Bintalshaati, 6-1 Dover Straits, 7-1 Paonic, 9-1 Lap Of Luxury, Palace Pageant, Desert Green, 12-1 Lower Egypt, 16-1 Monis, 20-1 River Board, Caleman, 25-1 White Crown, Watani.

1993: DAWNING STREET 5-8-13 Pat Eddery (6-1) J Dunlop 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

LOWER EGYPT ½l 2nd to Face North in handicap at Royal Ascot (1m, good to firm) penultimate start with PALACE PAGEANT (5lb better off) 8¾l 6th and LAP OF LUXURY (11lb better off) 7l 16th. DOVER STRAITS 1¾l 2nd to Jaleica in conditions race at Leicester (7f, good). BINTALSHAATI beat PAONIC (7lb better off) 3½l in handicap at Newmarket (1m, good to firm). DESERT GREEN short head 2nd to Commanche Companion in handicap at Pontefract (1m, good to firm). THREE IN ONE beat Cee-Jay-Ay 2½l in handicap at Haydock (1m, good) with LAP OF LUXURY (10lb better off) 2l 5th and MONIS (6lb better off) 1¾l 6th.
Selection: THREE IN ONE

4.15 LADBROKE KNAVESMIRE HANDICAP (C4)
(£15,920: 1m 3f 195yd) (16 runners)

501	(5)	504000-	DARU 179J (B,C,D,F,G,S) (D Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 5-10-0	J Fortune	94
502	(7)	414525	MARSOOM 12 (D,G) (H Salem) B Hanbury 3-9-7	B Raymond	93
503	(3)	105025	CRYSTAL VOICE 17 (S) (Mrs E Irwin) T Stack 4-9-6	M J Kinane	97
504	(16)	022123	TAJANNAB 17 (F,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-9-3	W R Swinburn	95
505	(12)	00-0035	BOLOARDO 33 (F,S) (B Voak) C Brittain 5-9-3	M Roberts	97
506	(13)	35-41	LAXFORD BRIDGE 27 (F) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 3-9-2	Pat Eddery	90
507	(8)	0-4341	FOIL STONE 27 (D,F) (Lady Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 3-8-12	R Cochrane	98
508	(9)	6446-33	FIRM BUT FAIR 33 (Consulico Ltd) L Cumani 4-8-10	L Dettori	92
509	(10)	2-44131	GOLDEN HELLO 14 (D,F,G) (G Shouler) M H Easterby 3-8-9	M Birch	94
510	(14)	316051	LET'S GET LOST 6 (F,S) (Miss P Zygmant) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-7 (4ex)	K Fallon	91
511	(15)	006100	CHURCHWORTH 22 (C,F) (Mrs B Facchino) B McMahon 3-8-4	T Quinn	97
512	(9)	320413	RETENDER 33 (BF,D,F,G) (P Leonard) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-4	M Hills	94
513	(11)	0-11311	MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 40 (F,G,S) (Alerton) M Hammond 8-8-2	J Marshall (5)	95
514	(1)	321390	FOUNDRY LANE 22 (F) (A Sharratt) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-1	A Munro	[illegible]
515	(2)	556432	FIRST BID 5 (D,F,S) (Thomlinson's) R Whitaker 7-7-7	J Fanning	98
516	(4)	030134	AUGUSTAN 10 (F) (W Meah) J A Harris 3-7-7	A Mackay	90

Long handicap: First Bid 7-5, Augustan 7-0

BETTING: 7-1 Laxford Bridge, 8-1 Tajannab, Firm But Fair, 9-1 Foil Stone, Let's Get Lost, Retender, 10-1 Crystal Voice, 11-1 Foundry Lane, 12-1 Golden Hello, 14-1 First Bid, 16-1 Master ofthe House, Marsoom, 20-1 others.

1993: YILDIZ 4-9-0 W Carson (12-1) B Hills 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

TAJANNAB neck and ½l 3rd of 12 to Howard's End in handicap at Ripon (1m 1f, good). LAXFORD BRIDGE beat Eben Al Habeeb 2½l in 7-runner maiden at Ascot (1m 2f, good to firm). FOIL STONE beat Artic Courier 2½l in 11-runner maiden at Pontefract (1m 4f, good to firm). FIRM BUT FAIR 4l 3rd of 6 to Balzino in handicap at Newmarket (1m 7f, good to firm). GOLDEN HELLO beat Secret Serenade 3½l in 6-runner handicap at Pontefract (1m 4f, good to firm). LET'S GET LOST beat Pennine Pink in 6-runner handicap at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good to firm). MASTER OFTHE HOUSE beat Father Dan ½l in 10-runner handicap at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good to firm).
Selection: LAXFORD BRIDGE

4.45 GALTRES STAKES
(Listed race: fillies: £14,490: 1m 3f 195yd) (8 runners)

601	(6)	11	YENDA 14 (D,G) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 3-9-0	Pat Eddery	92
602	(3)	0-51111	FRUSTRATION 20 (F,G) (Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 3-8-11	D Harrison	93
603	(8)	1-	COLZA 296 (S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-8	W Ryan	74
604	(2)	261-340	CRAZY FOR YOU 103 (V,G) (Mrs F Vigors) M Channon 3-8-8	M Hills	82
605	(5)	12	LAS FLORES 88 (S) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 3-8-8	T Quinn	90
606	(7)	21-2	NOBLE ROSE 9 (S) (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-8	M J Kinane	[illegible]
607	(4)	5-52446	SPOT PRIZE 23 (G) (J Smith) D Elsworth 3-8-8	W R Swinburn	98
608	(1)	126	TROMOND 47 (S) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 3-8-8	A Munro	81

BETTING: 7-2 Yenda, 4-1 Spot Prize, 9-2 Las Flores, 5-1 Noble Rose, Colza, 6-1 Frustration, 8-1 Tromond, 10-1 Crazy For You.

1993: KITHANGA 3-8-8 R Cochrane (13-8 fav) L Cumani 7 ran

5.15 CITY OF YORK STAKES
(Listed race: £12,135: 6f 214yd) (14 runners)

1	(12)	1464-21	HARD TO FIGURE 89 (D,F,G,S) (J Mursell) R Hodges 8-9-5	A Munro	83
2	(3)	0/1821-	ARJUZAH 280 (D,F,S) (H Al Maktoum) J Gosden 4-9-0	R Hills	85
3	(13)	2-31450	BRANSTON ABBY 53 (C,D,F,G,S) (J David Abell) M Johnston 5-9-0	M J Kinane	89
4	(14)	1-00133	DUMAANI 24 (BF,D,G) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-9-0	W Carson	87
5	(6)	426-210	FRAAM 6 (D,F,G,S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 5-9-0	B Raymond	[illegible]
6	(11)	203304	STORITHS 24 (B,F,G) (Mrs M Irwin) J Watts 4-9-0	B Thomson	91
7	(2)	00-6111	TAJDIF 24 (D,F,G) (Hyde Sporting Promotions Limited) D Morley 4-9-0	M Hills	79
8	(7)	03-1436	CRAGGANMORE 21 (D,F) (A Stoddard) J Hills 3-8-9	L Dettori	88
9	(10)	1-052	GREEN GREEN DESERT 19 (G) (Mana Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-9	W R Swinburn	87
10	(5)	061250	MARGARET'S GIFT 19 (G,S) (Mrs T Holdcroft) J Berry 4-8-9	J Carroll	95
11	(8)	2-30145	NIJO 6 (D,G) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) G P-Gordon 3-8-9	R Cochrane	92
12	(4)	00-5200	PINKERTON'S PAL 24 (C,F) (Miss E Macgregor) C Britain 3-8-9	M Roberts	85
13	(1)	1-33603	SELHURSTPARK FLYER 37 (F,S) (C Deuters) J Berry 3-8-9	L Piggott	86
14	(9)	234-005	ROHITA 8 (F,G) (B Taylor) M Channon 3-8-4	D Harrison	79

BETTING: 5-1 Dumaani, 11-2 Green Green Desert, 6-1 Fraam, 8-1 Storiths, Nijo, 12-1 Branston Abby, Cragganmore, 14-1 Tajdif, Margaret's Gift, Pinkerton's Pal, 16-1 Arjuzah, Selhurstpark Flyer, 25-1 Hard To Figure, 33-1 Rohita.

1993: TINNERS WAY 3-8-9 Pat Eddery (7-2 fav) J Gosden 11 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Gosden	30	112	26.8	Pat Eddery	46	213	21.6
H Cecil	25	102	24.5	W Ryan	11	69	15.9
J Dunlop	18	78	23.1	L Dettori	27	176	15.3
P Chapple-Hyam	9	40	22.5	M Roberts	34	228	14.9
R Charlton	9	40	22.5	W Carson	35	245	14.3
P Cole	13	59	22.0	A Munro	17	140	12.1

Lake Coniston causes upset

LAKE Coniston, trained by Geoff Lewis and ridden by Paul Eddery, sprang a 14-1 surprise when beating fellow British raider, First Trump, by 2½ lengths in the group three £22,883 Prix de Meautry (6f) at Deauville yesterday.

Lewis said: "He's certainly better when he can get his toe in. I've always thought a lot of him and he's now earned a crack at the big international races like the Laurel Dash and the Hong Kong Bowl. He'll run again in the Goldene Peitsche at Baden-Baden in two weeks time." First Trump, ridden by Michael Hills, never threatened the winner.

Lester Piggott's mount, Surprise Offer, the third British challenger, finished last. Incessant rain meant that the ground was riding much softer than the official assessment of "good".

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

York
Going: good to firm

2.05 (6f) 1, VOCALIZE (K Fallon, 5-1); 2, Galora (P Robinson, 6-1); 3, Daily Challenger (P Bowe, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Lady Davenport (6th), 9 Annie Fay (4th), 11 Floodline Lady, 12 Durgams First, Flamboro (5th), Tarlun Collection, 16 Cool Steel, Perfect World, Smiley Face, 25 Fosl, Wina's Waif, 33 Coast Along, 40 Tommanion. 16 ran. NR: Sunshine Belle. 1l, nk, 3l, 2½l, nk. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £6.30; £2.00, £2.50, £4.20. DF: £17.80. Trio: £88.00. CSF: £36.65. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

2.35 (1m 3f 195yd) 1, ONLY ROYALE (L Dettori, 15-2); 2, Dancing Bloom (J Reid, 33-1); 3, State Crystal (W Ryan, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 6-5 fav Bolas (5th), 5 Misty Ha Ha (4th), 6 Hawajiss, Wandesta (6th). 7 ran. 6l, ½l, 3l, 1l, 12l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £7.70; £3.10, £7.40. DF: £85.80. Trio: £310.70. CSF: £131.92. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.10 (1m 5f 194yd) 1, HASTEN TO ADD (G Duffield, 13-2 fav); 2, Admiral's Well (T Quinn, 15-2); 3, Solartica (G Bardwell, 14-1), 4, Dover Patrol (W Ryan, 18-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Blazing Spectacle (5th), Sea Of Rocks, 9 Quick Ransom, 11 Tree Of Life, 12 Wings Cove, 16 Flight Lieutenant, George Dillingham (6th), 20 Faugeron, Spin Doctor, 25 Ballet Prince, Cumbrian Rhapsody, Lookingforarainbow, 33 Bit On The Side, Halkopous, Morley Street, 50 Encore Une Fois, Midyan Blue. 21 ran. NR: Retender. ½l, 1½l, sh hd, 1l, ¾l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £7.50; £2.20, £2.70, £4.90, £4.20. DF: £31.50. Trio: £310.70. CSF: £52.11. Tricast: £620.31.

3.45 (6f) 1, CHILLY BILLY (K Fallon, 12-1); 2, Fallow (L Dettori, 5-1 jt-fav); 3, Moon King (B Raymond, 5-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 5 jt-fav Kamsa Tarasru, 6 Bide Our Time, 13-2 Mind Games, 8 Rambrino, 10 Fard (4th), 12 Al Nufooth (5th), 18 Knight Commander, 25 Zeb (6th). 11 ran. 2l, 1l, 1½l, 3l, nk. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £16.60; £3.00, £2.20, £2.00. DF: £67.60. Trio: £58.50. CSF: £68.14.

4.15 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, AMERICAN SWINGER (W R Swinburn, 100-30 fav); 2, Walayt (L Dettori, 6-1); 3, Old Hickory (J Weaver, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Run Softly (5th), 6 Desert Conqueror, Desert Fighter (6th), 10 Beauchamp Hero (4th), 14 Wishing, 20 Arecibo. 9 ran. NR: Rainbow Walk. 2½l, 1¼l, 1l, nk, 3½l. P Harris at Berkhamsted. Tote: £3.30; £1.40, £2.30, £2.20. DF: £12.90. Trio: £21.00. CSF: £21.90. Tricast: £103.82. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

4.45 (6f) 1, RAAH ALGHARB (W R Swinburn, 7-2); 2, Wavian (Pat Eddery, 100-30); 3, Sergeyev (L Dettori, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Ikaab, 9-2 Coffee 'N Cream, 20 Monkey Adel (6th), 33 Saigneural (5th), 66 The Happy Fox (4th). 8 ran. ½l, 3l, ¾l, nk, ½l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £5.10; £1.60, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £8.90. CSF: £14.53.

5.15 (5f) 1, INSIDER TRADER (G Duffield, 8-1); 2, Hello Mister (P McCabe, 10-1); 3, Name The Tune (J Quinn, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Eagle Day, 6 Stephensons Rocket, 8 Encore M'Lady, 9 Roving Minstrel, 12 Ishiyak (5th), Napoleon Star (6th), 16 Petrina Bay, Royale Figurine, 25 Smart Pet (4th). 12 ran. NR: Sweet Magic. 1½l, 3l, 1¾l, 1½l, 1l. R Williams at Newmarket. Tote: £8.50; £2.10, £3.60, £5.60. DF: £67.60. Trio: £199.60. CSF: £57.90. Tricast: £603.40. After a stewards' inquiry result stands. Sweet Magic (7-2 fav) withdrawn not under orders, rule 4 applies to all bets — deduct 20p in pound.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £58,277.39 carried forward to York today).
Placepot: £704.10.
Quadpot: £20.40.

Yarmouth
Going: good

2.20 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, TELOPEA (W Newnes, 13-8 fav); 2, Tansy (F Norton, 11-4); 3, Zitzilah (M Roberts, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Tudor Flight (4th), 16 Great Triviality (5th). 5 ran. 2l, 3l, 3½l, 3½l. H Candy at Wantage. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £1.30. DF: £3.60. CSF: £5.65.

2.55 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, RUMI (M Roberts, 4-1); 2, Hazilo (G Hind, 8-1); 3, Safey Ana (R Hills, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Lyphard Street (4th), 5 Lucayan Cay (5th), 50 Able Choice, So We Know (6th). 7 ran. 4l, 12l, 5l, 6l, 5l. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £4.10; £1.90, £2.70. DF: £18.20. CSF: £30.30.

3.30 (1m 6f 17yd) 1, MYSTERIOUS MAID (Mrs L Pearce, 2-1 fav); 2, Ice Magic (Miss S Yardley, 7-1); 3, Lady Poly (Miss S Watkins, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Barcham, 11-2 Van Prince (6th), 6 Dariya, 7 Abjar (4th), 8 Side Bar, 11 Call The Guv'nor, 50 Lafkadio (5th). 10 ran. ¾l, 14l, nk, 5l, nk. J Pearce at Newmarket. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £2.10, £11.70. DF: £8.70. Trio: not won. CSF: £17.34. Tricast: £514.60.

4.00 (6f 3yd) 1, SAYL (R Hills, 4-1); 2, Mehtar (Stephen Davies, 8-1); 3, Moonee Valley (B Thomson, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Irchester Lass (6th), 4 Cats Bottom (4th), 11-2 Dansu, 16 Dance King (5th), 20 The Mestral. 8 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 2l, 1½l, 1½l. D Morley at Newmarket. Tote: £5.40; £2.30, £2.30, £2.60. DF: £22.00. CSF: £26.11. Tricast: £129.05.

4.30 (6f 3yd) 1, AVERTI (A McGlone, 5-1); 2, Mutakddim (R Hills, 11-10 fav); 3, Luana (M Roberts, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Carranita (4th), 9-2 Croeso-I-Cymru (5th), 14 Night Melody (6th). 6 ran. NR: Taghareed. Sh hd, 3l, 5l, 6l, 4l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £6.00; £3.70, £1.30. DF: £4.40. CSF: £11.20. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

5.00 (7f 3yd) 1, MISS RITZ (G Carter, 9-4 fav); 2, Soviet Fashion (L Newton, 8-1); 3, Magication (G Hind, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Fuchu, 9-2 Raymapata (4th), 6 Ballenna Bay (6th), 13-2 Silent Expression, 10 Tee Gee Jay (5th). 8 ran. NR: Asalib, Mai-Tu-Tu, St Martha. 4l, 1½l, 5l, sh hd, 3½l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £3.90, £3.00. DF: £27.50. Trio: £32.00. CSF: £20.93. Tricast: £133.42.
Placepot: £109.40. Quadpot: £8.40.

Carlisle
Going: firm

2.10 (1m 4f) 1, Bronze Runner (A Daly, 5-1); 2, Ann Hill (6-5 fav), 3, As D'Eboli (25-1). 7 ran. 1¼l, 4l. S Mellor. Tote: £5.00; £2.00, £1.60. DF: £2.40. CSF: £10.13. No bid.

2.45 (7f 214yd) 1, High Low (W Woods, 3-1); 2, Carlton Express (7-2), 3, Lady Donoghue (9-4 fav). 8 ran. Nk, 5l. M Prescott. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £1.30, £1.10. DF: £6.00. CSF: £12.58. Tricast: £22.37.

3.20 (6f 206yd) 1, Salome's Dance (W Woods, 5-1); 2, North Esk (11-4 fav); 3, Collier Row (4-1). 7 ran. NR: Hiltons Travel. ¾l, 1¼l. M Prescott. Tote: £6.40; £2.00, £2.10. DF: £8.30. CSF: £18.51. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.55 (5f) 1, Just Bob (J Stack, 100-30); 2, Best Kept Secret (13-2), 3, The Sharp Bidder (14-1). Pallium 3-1 fav. 8 ran. 1½l, nk. S Kettlewell. Tote: £3.60; £1.60, £1.60, £2.40. DF: £15.70. CSF: £23.17. Tricast: £240.70.

4.25 (5f) 1, Royal Explorer (Dean McKeown, 1-3 fav), 2, Shy Talks Last (20-1), 3, Quick Thinker (10-1). 6 ran. 2½l, ¾l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £3.50. DF: £5.60. CSF: £7.45.

4.55 (1m 6f 32yd) 1, Lightning Quest (J Fanning, 2-1); 2, Sestriere (8-11 fav); 3, Phrinc (6-1). 4 ran. 11l, 15l. J Wainwright. Tote: £3.00. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.77.
Placepot: £94.20. Quadpot: £28.10.

Kempton Park
Going: good to firm

5.40 (1m 2f) 1, Allesca (C Adamson, 14-1), 2, Bronze Maquette (25-1), 3, Telephus (8-1); 4, Port Sunlight (8-1). A Million Watts 11-2 fav. 17 ran. NR: World Express. 2½l, sh hd. M Usher. Tote: £17.80; £3.30, £36.40, £2.20, £2.20. DF: £1,053.00. Trio: not won. CSF: £299.26. Tricast: £2,722.45.

6.05 (7f) 1, Don Corleone (D Harrison, 7-2); 2, Te Amo (10-1), 3, Glonana (16-1). Sky Forest 2-1 fav. 16 ran. 1½l, hd. R Charlton. Tote: £5.00; £2.00, £2.50, £4.40. DF: £36.30. CSF: £43.45.

6.35 (1m 4f) 1, Roisin Clover (A Whelan, 7-4); 2, Princess Ermyn (4-1); 3, Jaawis (11-10 fav). 4 ran. NR: Fieldridge, Shabanaz. Nk, 7l. S Dow. Tote: £2.80. DF: £5.10. CSF: £7.77.

Hereford
Going: firm

5.50 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Alqairawaan (C Llewellyn, 1-6 fav); 2, Billy-Gwyn (16-1); 3, Cozzi (33-1). 8 ran. 30l, dist. C Mann. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £1.10, £3.90. DF: £3.00. CSF: £4.65.

6.20 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Debt Of Honor (A Maguire, 5-4); 2, House Of Roses (4-6 fav); 3, Woodlandstor Power (50-1). 4 ran. Hd, dist. R Lee. Tote: £2.20. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.48.

☐ In-foal Miss Ritz, trained by Mark Johnston, repeated her success at the previous Yarmouth meeting by leading all the way in the Lowestoft Fillies' Handicap there yesterday.

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MICHAEL KNIGHTON Carlisle United

The chairman at Brunton Park has suffered his share of setbacks, but his dreams remain intact. **Simon Barnes** considers his prospects

Of course you can remember Michael Knighton: the ball-juggler with the bad moustache who became chairman of Manchester United and who introduced himself to the world by running onto the pitch in his footy kit, blowing kisses and playing keepy-uppy.

He promised he would lead United to a new era of prosperity and victory: a company worth £100 million and winning every trophy in sight. United have certainly improved somewhat from their demoralised state of five years back, but what of the ball-juggler?

He left United two years ago, and bought a majority share of Carlisle United, then 92nd in the football league. These days, Knighton is talking hard of the great things that he will do there: "I predict that, within ten years, we will be among the ten wealthiest clubs in this country. We will be competing in Europe and will have one of the finest stadiums."

Earth to Knighton: hello? Hello?

Talking to Knighton is rather like talking to Basil Fawlty: don't mention the war. But, no matter what you planned to say, you end up talking about Manchester United. "The extraordinary thing was that I said at my first press conference there, I am not a wealthy man, I'm a *modest* millionaire, I had invited a few of my close friends to participate in this project . . ."

Knighton's chairmanship of Manchester United was short-lived. Press coverage painted him as a man practising high finance without visible means of support, playing keepy-uppy with debts and modest assets. In the end, his manoeuvres were squashed by a High Court injunction.

The Knighton version of the tale is that he left Manchester after achieving all that he had set out to do: he was part of the transformation of a foundering club with gates of 23,000 into its current pole position of dizzying prosperity and considerable achievement, and he is now relishing the challenge of working the same trick from a place slightly further back on the grid.

His delivery is remorseless, a Molly Bloom soliloquy of football and finance. His voice has the beseeching quality of a politician or a public relations man: the sort that gets hold of your first name and then clubs you to death with it.

"We've just finished the new restaurant and corporate facilities and my priority now, Simon, is to create one of the greatest football clubs in the country."

Knighton's life has been marked out by pain. Two events shaped his life in football: the first was a knee injury, which scuppered his aspirations towards a career as a professional footballer; the second was the United Affair, a period of sustained public ridicule that ended, three years on, with his departure from Old Trafford.

His life has been carved out of frustration, bitterness and disappointment, but Knighton lacks the taste for dwelling on these things. Instead he is gifted, or cursed, with a kind of idiot optimism.

You don't normally find this trait among men of finance, but it is something you see all the time among professional athletes. This is a belief, one held with marrow-deep sincerity, that ultimate victory will be theirs.

Ian Botham believed that a pair at Lord's, an appalling defeat and the loss of the captaincy was no more than a temporary set-back. Top athletes are fantasists, but they make their fanstasies happen through the sheer strength of their belief in the impossible. Reality is just a crutch for people who can't handle sport.

"We are creating a 28,000-seater stadium here; I think we shall command 18,000 home supporters once we are up with the glamour people."

And then he is off on "peripheral income streams" and the new restaurant ("People don't stop eating good food because the team is losing, Simon") and the viewing gallery and the executive boxes and the Red Fox label and the new magazine: "Five years ago, I got slaughtered for talking about peripheral income streams, now everybody is doing it. With all respect, they didn't have the foresight to understand what I was all about."

The twin mysteries of football and finance dominate the effortless Knighton wordflow. He is not a rich benefactor, he insists, but wouldn't argue if you called him a man of sweeping financial visison. The men of incontinent wealth who have poured money into football clubs, like Jack Hayward of Wolves, produce an equivocal response.

"I love them very dearly, but I can't respect the fact that they have fostered the illusion that this industry is a charity. The fans want me to be a rich benefactor, but I haven't got the money."

Knighton sees himself as a simple millionaire with nothing to declare but his genius, or at least, a certain flair for making things happen. His style is to do so with grandiose statements: "I'm gonna be the champion of the world": yes, we've all heard it in a thousand boxing gyms, but some of these fantasists force their dreams into actuality.

Carlisle made the play-offs last year, but stayed in the lowest division. The third, Knighton says, is the hardest division in the league, but then so is the second and the first.

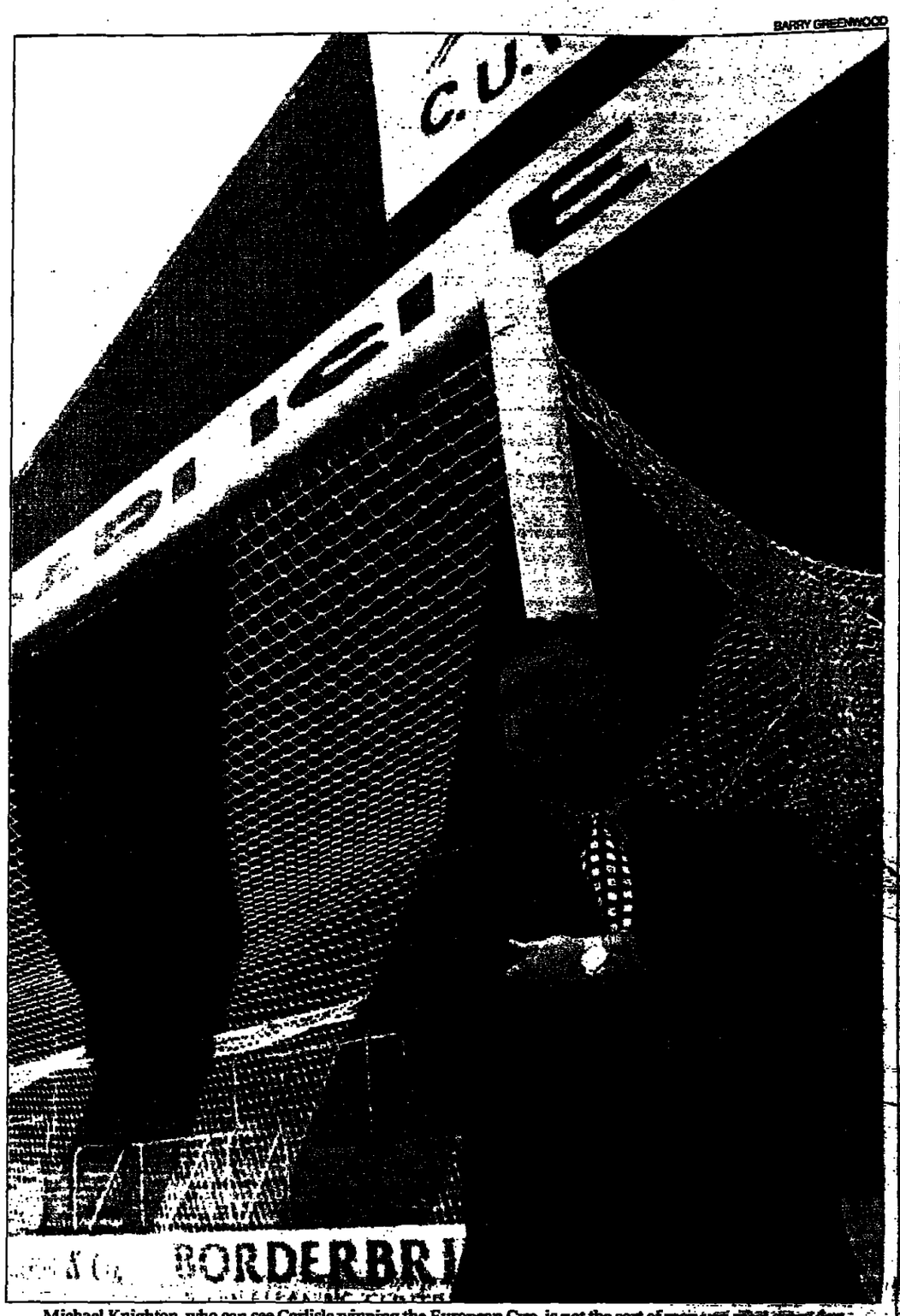
There is a suspicion that Carlisle is for Knighton what the Americans call "rehab": a complicated way of recovering from the ravages of past experience. Knighton, naturally, rejects that: "I don't carry torches. I hope I'm mature enough not to need to prove anything in life."

Which, if true, makes Knighton into the Lao Tzu of football. As a coach of the New York Giants said, after a punch-up with a player: "This is not a game for well-adjusted people." Nor is any game. That's the point.

But that is what makes Knighton rather likeable. There is a truly indomitable side to him: an utter refusal to admit defeat, distress and disaster, a determination to alchemise pain into golden footballing achievement.

Whether he does so or not is beside the point. There is something oddly touching, even oddly inspiring, about his determination. Knighton can see Carlisle winning the European Cup, but then Knighton is a man you don't meet every day. "History is history, and I'm a big believer, Simon, that destiny is a wonderful thing."

Ron Noades (Crystal Palace)



BARRY GREENWOOD

Michael Knighton, who can see Carlisle winning the European Cup, is not the sort of man you meet every day



The new chairman at Old Trafford in August 1989

Beauchamp deal ends unhappy stay at West Ham

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JOEY Beauchamp, who professed to being homesick after joining West Ham United in a £1 million transfer from Oxford United earlier in the summer, ended his short-lived stay at Upton Park yesterday.

The winger, 23, completed a move to Swindon Town that appeared to have fallen through on Tuesday when the Endsleigh Insurance League first division club refused to pay the price West Ham were asking in a deal to take Beauchamp to the County Ground.

The matter was resolved, however, when the Premiership club agreed to take the Swindon central defender Adrian Whitbread, in exchange, with West Ham also receiving an undisclosed sum in part payment.

Liverpool were last night considering whether to increase their offer for Phil Babb, Coventry City's Ireland international defender. Coventry yesterday rejected the Anfield club's offer of £3.5m, along with a similar bid from Tottenham Hotspur, but appeared to leave the door at least ajar for an increased bid.

"We have received offers of £3.5m but we have rejected those offers, and that is where we stand at the moment," Bryan Richardson, the Coventry chairman, said yesterday. "We have no price in mind at which Phil Babb will be sold. We are just going to wait and see what develops."

Liverpool are expected to decide to make a further bid, and Tottenham may also make a further offer. But Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said yesterday: "We are not prepared to get into an auction."

One of Babb's central defensive partners in the Ireland squad, Alan Kernaghan, who was Brian Horton's first signing at Manchester City for £1.7 million less than a year ago, yesterday joined Bolton Wanderers on loan for a period of one month.

Sam Hammam, the Wimbledon owner, said yesterday he may change the name of the club and sever all links with the town after Merton council rejected a plan to build a supermarket on Wimbledon's former Plough Lane ground. Approval of the scheme was vital to Hammam's plan to build a new, 25,000 all-seater stadium at the Wimbledon greyhound stadium site, in Merton. Hammam said there was now no hope of Wimbledon, who have shared Crystal Palace's ground at Selhurst Park for three years, going back to the borough. "We have been betrayed," Hammam said.



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Wakeling out to banish Sky's limits

Andrew Longmore talks to the man intent on dishing up unrivalled sports coverage to the nation's army of hungry armchair viewers

The launch of a second sports channel tomorrow, the start of the Premiership football season this weekend, after Tuesday's announcement of new agreements for coverage of domestic cricket: this is proving to be a clamorous few days for Sky Sports, an organisation never loath to blow the trumpet, and Vic Wakeling, the chief hornblower.

Wakeling had a tough act to follow as head of Sky Sports, but if the accent has changed — a fast-talking Geordie replacing the Australian drawl of his predecessor, Dave Hill — the message has remained the same. Choice is at the heart of Wakeling's creed, and a healthy disdain for the hapless BBC producer who earlier this summer decided that a first-round match at Wimbledon was more important to the nation than the closing moments of the second Test at Lord's. Wakeling mercilessly used that example in his recent promotion to the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB). Wide open space, and lots of it.

"Our great strength is that we are a dedicated sports channel," he said. "With us, you will see every ball of a Test match, every stroke in a tennis match, not just the ones the producer allows you to see." And every £10 million pose in a Chris Eubank "world title" bout? Unlike Eubank, you cannot win them all.

More significant, in the long-term, was the acquisition by Sky Sports of 350 hours of domestic cricket from next summer, to go alongside its coverage of the England tours to Australia and South Africa over the next two winters. Critics will say that, once again, it has been given the scraps — Benson and Hedges matches, one-day internationals, county championship, youth and women's cricket — while the BBC has retained the meat, but Sky Sports has long since changed its initial policy of trying to swallow sports whole, and its coverage of the recent tours to India and the West Indies has silenced many who were given indigestion by the very idea of non-BBC cricket.

"Nobody thought we could do the cricket properly," Wakeling said, "but we've won respect and now the people who run sport, not just cricket, are saying: 'Hey, they're not going to devalue our sport', and are starting to knock on our door."

It helps that Wakeling is a passionate fan of sport. He was brought up watching Jackie Milburn and George Robledo from a ledge at the front of the Gallowgate End at St James' Park and, with a neat touch of nostalgia, reproduced the same view through the touchline camera in the Premiership coverage last season, with Ryan Giggs playing Milburn.

A training in newspapers, from the *Tyneside Courier* through *Fleet Street*, has strengthened his belief that there is no substitute for watching sport live, which will be a comfort to those who feared that the future of sport Sky-style involved anaesthetised venues hosting meaningless events for the benefit of two million overloaded armchairs.

"What we can do is get as close to the action as possible," Wakeling said. "In football, we've used more angles, more cameras and got better sound effects than ever before. This season will be even better."

The latest "piece of kit", as he calls it, unveiled for the Charity Shield last Sunday, is a camera that can measure the distance between free kick and defensive wall — in theory ten yards, in practice about seven — and, in time, the distance and velocity of shots on goal.

This season too, replays will truly be instant, not instant as in seven seconds from now.

What Sky still lacks, for all its broad portfolio, is a passport to the British sporting summer: home Tests, Royal Ascot, Wimbledon or the Open golf. Of those, Wimbledon is the prize target, potentially the biggest dish-seller of the lot.

For the moment, though, middle England can stand at ease in the knowledge that sharing with the BBC, along the lines of recent deals with the TCCB and the Rugby Football Union, rather than total defection, is the most likely outcome of its on-going negotiations.

"The BBC can show one court, perhaps two, but as we've seen, when Wimbledon clashes with the Test, they get in a real mess," Wakeling said. "Why couldn't we show one of the other courts live? It comes back to some producer deciding which match you will watch."

Sky Sports 2 and the extra 48 hours of air time at weekends will, he says, make his job easier. "We just have to say: 'There it is. You choose.' These days, viewers expect to have live coverage." So it will be rugby league from Leeds or golf from Colorado on Friday night. Leicester City v Newcastle United or the Murphy's English Open on Sunday afternoon, with a rerun of the football after the golf for good measure. Not a monster truck in sight.

On the horizon lies digital compression, which will allow viewers to choose their own camera angle, and a proliferation of sports channels. "But what's important now," Wakeling said, "is that our coverage is so good that the critics who accused us of doing things on the cheap don't get a chance to have another go. I don't think they will."



Vic Wakeling, the head of Sky Sports, with a new channel and new respect to savour

RESULTS

COCA-COLA CUP: First round, first leg: Barnet 4 Leyton Orient 0; Blackpool 1 Chesterfield 2; Bournemouth 2 Northampton 0; Bradford 2 Grimsby 1; Burnley 1 York 0; Bury 2 Hartlepool 0; Cardiff 1 Torquay 0; Colchester 0 Brentford 2; Crewe 2 Wigan 1; Gillingham 0 Reading 1; Hereford 0 West Bromwich Albion 0; Hull 2 Scarborough 1; Lincoln 2 Chester 0; Luton 1 Fulham 1; Oxford Utd 3 Peterborough 1; Rochdale 1 Mansfield 2; Rotherham 1 Carlisle 0; Scunthorpe 2 Huddersfield 1; Shrewsbury 2 Birmingham 1; Southend 0 Watford 0; Walsall 4 Plymouth 0.

SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Second round: Ayr 0 Celtic 1; Dumbarton 0 Hearts 4; Falkirk 1 Montrose 1 (aet: Falkirk won 5-4 on penalties); Morton 1 Airdrie 1 (aet: Airdrie won 5-3 on penalties); Motherwell 3 Clydebank 1; Partick 5 Brechin 0; St Mirren 0 Dundee United 1 (aet).

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 3 Sutton United 0; Grays 2 St Albans 2; Hendon 1 Bishop's Stortford 1; Kingstonian 5 Wokingham 0; Yeading 6 Walton and Hersham 1; Marlow 0 Slough 2. First division: Barking 4 Wivenhoe 0; Basingstoke 2 Ruislip Manor 2; Berkhamsted 0 Aldershot 3; Billericay 1 Wembley 1; Boreham Wood 4 Whyteleafe 0; Leyton 0 Abingdon 2; Maidenhead 2 Heybridge Swifts 1; Newbury 4 Staines 4; Tooting and Mitcham 2 Worthing 2; Uxbridge 2 Dorking 0. Second division: Banstead 0 Windsor and Eton 3; Barton 1 Hungerford 0; Chalfont St Peter 1 Bracknell 1; Cheshunt 2 Tilbury 2; Edgware 1 Witham 1; Egham 1 Oxford City 3; Hampton 1 Ware 0; Hemel Hempstead 3 Aveley 0; Malden Vale 2 Leatherhead 2. Third division: Bedford 1 Kingsbury 1; Camberley 0 Northwood 0; Canvey Island 2 Epsom and Ewell 1; Cove 6 Clapton 0; Flackwell Heath 1 Harefield 2; Hertford 4 Tring 2; Hornchurch 4 Feltham and Hounslow B 1; Horsham 5 East Thurrock 3; Lewes 1 Collier Row 3.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield United 3 Tranmere Rovers 1. Second division: Manchester City 1 Preston North End 0; Oldham Athletic 1 Sheffield Wednesday 2.

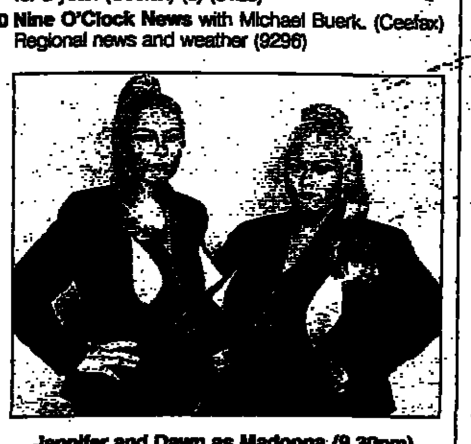
ULSTER CUP: Section A: Bangor 1 Glentoran 1; Linfield 3 Carrick 1. Section B: Ards 0 Coleraine 1; Portadown 4 Newry 1. Section C: Distillery 1 Ballymena 0; Glenavon 3 Larne 0. Section D: Cliftonville 1 Ballyclare 0; Crusaders 6 Omagh 1.

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Gloucester 1 Everton 1; Middlesbrough 0 Manchester Utd 3; Dagenham and Redbridge 0 Millwall 0; Welling 0 Chelsea 4.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: Lamot Pils Trophy: Ashton 0 Blackpool Mecs 3; Atherton Collieries 0 Tibley Walker 0; Daisy Hill 0 Castleton Gabriels 2; Haslingden 8 Squires Gate 1; Irlam 2 Maghull 4.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (79925)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (63915234)
9.05 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r). (Ceefax) (4263760)
9.30 Why Don't You...? (r) (s) (87234)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2206895) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (6505050) **10.30 Get Your Own Back** (r) (s) (1084876) **10.45 EEK** with Andi Peters (s) (1072031)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2154079) **11.05 Charlie's Angels**. Vintage detective series (r) (s) (5323741) **11.55 Cartoon** (6412012)
12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7109760) **12.05 Pebble Mill – Summer in the City** with Ross King at the Birmingham Hippodrome (s) (2692586) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (25197586)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (39578) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (41042673) **1.50 Going for Gold** with Henry Kelly (s) (41053789)
2.15 Come In Spinner. Conclusion of the two-part drama based on the controversial novel by Dymphna Cusack and Florence James (r). (Ceefax) (288857)
4.00 Cartoon Double Bill (7762302) **4.10 The Bots Master** (s) (9453302) **4.35 Spirit Rider** (7553031)
5.00 Newsround (3818166) **5.10 Record Breakers** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9751296)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (329944)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Jill Dando. (Ceefax) Weather (673)
6.30 Regional news magazines (925)
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (1673)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (437)
8.00 Commonwealth Games Grandstand. Sue Barker hosts a preview of the 15th Commonwealth Games which the Queen will open later tonight in Victoria, Canada (s) (6091)
8.30 QED: *Food Fights*. An investigation into parents' attitude to children's eating habits, focusing on one family whose three-year-old son has hardly eaten for a year. (Ceefax) (s) (6128)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (9296)

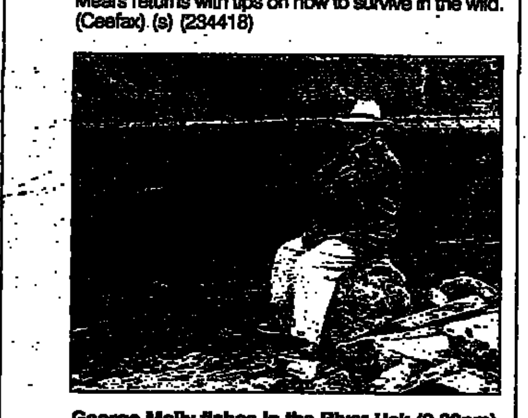


Jennifer and Dawn as Madonna (9.30pm)

9.30 French and Saunders are in bed with two Madonnas, pay their own inimitable tribute to Fleetwood Mac and Dawn discovers the joys of being Salman Rushdie for a day (r). (Ceefax) (s) (78586)
10.00 To Catch a Killer. Brian Dennehy and Margot Kidder star in the shocking true story of John Wayne Gacy, the most notorious mass-murderer in American history. (Ceefax) (s) (19031)
11.30 CHOICE **The Stand Up Show** (s) (66302)
12.00 Commonwealth Games Grandstand. Sue Barker introduces live coverage of the opening ceremony of the 15th Commonwealth Games from Victoria in Canada (s) (711242)
1.50am Weather (4905567). Ends at **1.55**

BBC2

6.20 Open University
8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (1338470)
8.15 Pinocchio (r) (9742963) **8.40 Babar** (r) (6796789)
9.05 FILM: New Faces of 1937 (1937, b/w). Milton Berle stars in this farcical romp directed by Leigh Jason (66848050)
10.40 Consuming Passions. Ian Parmenter cooks with artichokes (2614645)
10.45 Cricket: Third Test. Tony Lewis introduces live coverage of the first morning's play from the Oval (s) (51509944)
1.00 Canvas. Edwin Mullins talks about *Portrait of Caroline* by Alberto Giacometti which hangs in London's Tate Gallery (r) (71340147)
1.20 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (r) (s) (90736741)
1.35 Cricket: Third Test. Tony Lewis introduces further live coverage from the Oval. Includes at **2.00** and **3.00 News** (Ceefax) and weather and at **3.50** News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (s) (13353215)
6.40 The Natural World: Kimberley – Land of the Wandjina. The wildlife of Kimberley, one of the world's last great wildernesses, where crocodiles cruise the tidal rivers and one of Australia's most dangerous snakes lurks on the forest floor (r). (Ceefax) (601857)
7.30 Baby Monthly. The babies are now all in their fifth month and discovering the world around them, but just how much do they understand? (Ceefax) (s) (609)
8.00 The Realms of the Russian Bear: The Celestial Mountains. Nikolai Drozdov explores the natural history of the former USSR. This week he searches for the elusive wildlife which inhabits the great mountain ranges of Central Asia (r). (Ceefax) (s) (435437) **8.50 Wild Tracks**. Wilderness expert Ray Mears returns with tips on how to survive in the wild. (Ceefax) (s) (234418)



George Melly fishes in the River Usk (9.00pm)

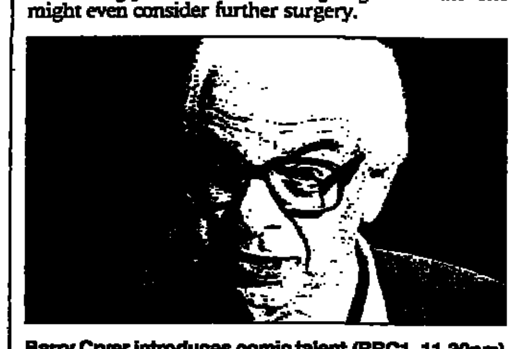
9.00 CHOICE **The Travel Show** (s) (9186)
9.30 CHOICE **A Change of Sex**. (Ceefax) (477215)
10.20 Consequences. The last in the series examining the changes in Northern Ireland over the past 25 years. (Ceefax) (s) (761494)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (228321)
11.15 Cricket: Third Test. Richie Benaud introduces highlights of the first day of the final Cornhill Insurance Test from the Oval (s) (736050) **11.55 Weather** (533760) **12.00 Open View**. Open University preview (4285155) **12.05am Images of the Cosmos** (r) (9344074). Ends at **12.35**

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CHOICE

A Change of Sex: The Untold Story
BBC2, 9.30pm

Anyone in love with happy endings need not tune into this update of the George/Julia sex-change saga. Fifteen years on from the operation which left Julia Grant feeling "elated", we see how she is faring now. The first shock is her description of a "night of problems" which saw her back in hospital just weeks after surgery. Doctors treated her as a natural woman with the result that her internal organs were damaged, but Julia was too embarrassed to go back to her original surgeon. Her boyfriend left the scene after she "couldn't offer him what a real woman could offer", and she has not found love since. Still, her work life, running a ceramics business and performing a nauseatingly lewd club act, is going well. And she might even consider further surgery.



Barry Cryer introduces comic talent (BBC1, 11.30pm)

The Stand Up Show
BBC1, 11.30pm

This pilot programme showcasing club comedians is a hit and miss affair. This, though, is half the fun. Most of the comics are making their first appearance on network television and talent spotting is part of the show's appeal. Urbane compere Barry Cryer is of course ecstatic about all of them. Phill Jupitus, an 18-year-old Essex man, is perhaps the funniest, especially with his imitation of Hubble telescope engineers earnestly communicating with a bemused minicab company. Bernard Right-On turns out to be a one-joke act about a politically correct Bernard Manning, but the oddest turn comes from the manic and incoherent Phil Kay, now at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Wild Britain: The Best of Both Worlds
Channel 4, 8.30pm

Having a frog in my own garden, I can testify to the fact that amphibians have little need of tidy surroundings. This film reveals that a pond full of rubbish, slime and rusting metal can be teeming with amphibian life. All the same, polluted water, small boys and a mystery virus are all threatening these fascinating creatures. Far from having the best of both worlds, they face dangers both in the water and on land. Tadpoles even seem to eat each other. The programme concentrates particularly on the life-cycle of the newt but its more general theme is how amphibians are adapting to a changing environment. Their best hope, it seems, is the garden pond.

The Travel Show
BBC2, 9.00pm

The plain-talking travel series continues with a look at the Westernisation of Prague and a report on buying holiday homes in Tuscany. Catherine Odone, bubbly editor of the *Catholic Herald*, is seduced by some exotic Italian villas and ripe-for-renovation barns, but she also learns about the perils of buying abroad. Closer to home, George Melly makes a not too difficult foray a few hundred yards from his house in Wales to a stretch of the River Usk that he owns. Melly is clearly in love with the whole of the beautiful Brecon Beacons and sold a Magritte, a Max Ernst and a Picasso to buy his section of river. The wily brown trout is not impressed, however. After a frustrating fishing session Melly concludes: "Today, as ever, I was not playing the fish, the fish was playing me." **Stephanie Billen**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (1437963) **9.25 C.O.P.S.** (4278692)
9.50 The New Adventures of He-Man (5177470) **10.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (9829128) **10.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9828499)
10.30 FILM: Addicted to His Love (1988). Three women seek revenge against the lover who tricked them. Directed by Arthur Allen Seidelman (56401895) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7105944)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (3141692) **12.55 Emmerdale** (r). (Teletext) (3126383) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (16552215) **1.55 TV Weekly** (s) (72569470)
2.25 A Country Practice (73289050) **2.50 The Young Doctors** (9832692) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (1580692) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1589963)
3.30 Wizadora (r) (1593302) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (2269505) **3.50 Rupert** (r)(1666944) **4.20 Halfway across the Galaxy and Turn Left** (s) (9444654) **4.45 Batman** (r). (Teletext) (s) (7544383)
5.10 After 5 with Fern Britton. (Teletext) (3764963)
5.40 News(Teletext) and weather (962708)
5.55 Your Shout Viewers' opinions (395128)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (741)
6.30 London Tonight with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) and weather (321)
7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (6741)
7.30 Survival: The Green Leaf Code An investigation into the extraordinary behaviour of the South American smooth billed ani a bird which brings its young up in a creche system (Teletext) (505)
8.00 The Bill: Skinning Cats. Meadows and Conway disagree over the handling of an informant (Teletext) (2789)
8.30 Downwardly Mobile. Comedy about two couples living under the same roof. (Teletext) (s) (1296)

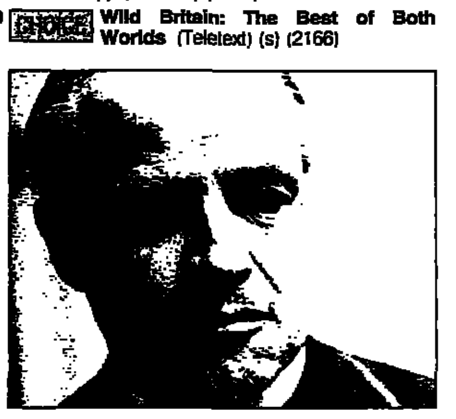


Madhur Jaffrey and Billie Whitelaw (9.00pm)

9.00 Firm Friends. The last episode in the drama series following the fortunes of the proprietors of a fast-food business. (Teletext) (s) (4857)
10.00 ITN News at Ten with John Suchet. (Teletext) *Weather (34654)* ***10.30 London Tonight*** (Teletext) and weather (785741)
10.40 Big City. A guide to what's on in and around London (s) (508079)
11.15 Bodies of Evidence (103673)
12.10am Beyond Reality. The parapsychologists try to save a girl who has been injured in a car crash (r) (9267971)
12.40 Street Legal. Crime series (5289074)
1.35 Donahue. The talk-show host dedicates an hour to educating and informing the public about blood and Aids (8243154)
2.25 The Beat (r) (s) (1958109)
3.20 The Album Show (r) (s) (9772548)
4.20 Quiz Night. Pub competition (93134109)
4.50 Curtis Calls (81474123)
5.00 Videofashion (r) (27600)
5.30 ITN Morning News (80074). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 The California Raisin Show (r) (4346234)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (89741)
9.00 Running the Halls. Teen comedy series (r). (Teletext) (44031)
9.30 Wish Kid Cartoon series (r) (5199692)
9.55 Saved By the Bell. American high school adventures (r). (Teletext) (5174383)
10.25 Dog City. Animation and Muppetry about a canine private detective (r) (3443383)
10.50 Betty's Bunch. Drama series about a foster mother and her brood (r) (5094296)
11.20 Terrytoons. Classic cartoons from the pre-war years onwards (7431128)
11.45 Super Mario World (r) (3625789)
12.00 The Lone Ranger. A ranch owner is indebted to masked goodie after he helped the man to convince his adopted son that a life of crime is not that exciting (64895) Followed by **I'd Kinda Like to Try Something Different**. A short film about women visiting the hairdresser's
12.30 Sesame Street Pre-school learning series. The guests are Mel Gibson and Danny Glover (r) (11418)
1.30 Madeline Animation (r) (s) (73031)
2.00 Channel 4 Racing from York Live coverage of the 2.05, 2.35, 3.10 (Keeneland Nunthorpe Stakes), 3 45 and 4 15 races (945708)
4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (418)
5.00 Kingdoms In Conflict: Space for Wildlife. How the Kennedy Space Centre has become a refuge for threatened and endangered species of wildlife (r) (Teletext) (3654)
6.00 Home Improvement. Comedy about the host of a television DIY programme (r). (Teletext) (s) (383)
6.30 Roseanne. Wisecracking comedy (r). (Teletext) (s) (963)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (832925)
7.50 The Slot. A viewer addresses a topical subject (260055)
8.00 Stories From An African Hospital. This week's story from the Komfo Anokye hospital in Ghana focuses on the hospital's welfare clinic where mothers bring their undernourished children for treatment (r). (Teletext) (3031)
8.30 CHOICE **Wild Britain: The Best of Both Worlds** (Teletext) (s) (2166)



Marlon Brando as Don Corleone (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM: The Godfather (1972) starring Marlon Brando in an Oscar-winning role as head of a Mafia family engaged in fighting rival families. With Al Pacino, James Caan, Robert Duvall and Richard Conte. Directed by Francis Ford Coppola (55530383)
12.15am The World Of Hammer: Dracula and the Undead. How Hammer has depicted Dracula and other vampires. Narrated by Oliver Reed (26432)
12.45 The People's Parliament. A repeat of Saturday's debate on Britain's urban traffic problems. (Teletext) (587345)
1.45 Big Big Country. Hank Wangford looks at the country music scene in Bulgaria (r) (583529) Ends at **2.45**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Kevin Greening **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** 1FM Roadshow: Simon Mayo in Woolacombe **2.00** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Collins and Maconie's Hit Parade **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jimmy's Cricket Team **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** British Country **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, including at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, including at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, including at **9.40** Film Review; **10.35** Europe News; **11.15** Gut Reaction **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Women on Top **8.35** View from the Boundary: Ned Sherrin **9.05** Sports America **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** Night Moves **2.00-5.00** Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin: in German **5.00** Newshour **6.00** News in German **6.03** Morgenmagazin **6.27** News in German **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** British News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Banking on the Poor **8.00** World News **8.15** Off the Shelf: The Rainbow **8.30** Network UK **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Banking on the Poor **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin: News in German **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Songs, Sonnets and Sounds of Laughter **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack: X-Press **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Rainbow **3.45** The Learning World **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **4.35** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World and British News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** World News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News and features in German **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sports Roundup ***Midnight*** Newsdesk ***12.30am*** Game, Set and Match **1.00** News **1.15** Music Review **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** On the Move **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Songs, Sonnets and Sounds of Laughter **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Jane Markham **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Tippett (Fantasia Concertante on a Theme of Corelli) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** The Travel Guide **8.00** Evening Concert. Boccherini (Symphony No 19 in E flat); Webern (Five Movements, Op 5); Britten (Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings: Martyn Hill, tenor, Derek Taylor, horn); Schubert (Mass in C); Mozart Violin Concerto No 5 in A) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Gary King **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Nick Abbot **10.00** N.J. Williams **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 10.30 Bananas in Pyjamas (4414627) **10.35** James Bond Junior (5019505) **11.00** Ox Tales (5279050) **11.25** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (5289437) **11.55** The Munsters Today (1382147) **1.55** The Young Doctors (41047128) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (9832692) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (3764963) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (937055) **10.40** A Family of Spies (47154673) **12.35am** Blood and Orchids (4093513) **1.35** Superstars of Wrestling (2160906) **2.15** America's Top Ten (42426) **2.45** The Pleasure Girls (458123) **4.15** Jobfinder (40880529) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (8690364)

CENTRAL
As London except: 10.25 Central News (9828499) **10.30** Bananas in Pyjamas (4414627) **10.35** James Bond Junior (5019505) **11.00** Ox Tales (5279050) **11.25** The Munsters Today (7432857) **11.50-12.20** Deepwater Haven (9437708) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (7105944) **1.55** A Country Practice (41047128) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (9832692) **3.25-3.30** Central News (1589963) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (3764963) **6.25** Central News (666128) **6.55-7.00** Lifeline (897321) **10.40** La Bamba (73001296) **12.40am-1.35** Tropical Heat (5289074) **4.50** Jobfinder (56530703) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6020971)

HTV WEST
As London except: 10.30-12.20 The Kid with the Broken Halo (56401895) **2.25** Gardening Time (73270302) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (8294234) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (3764963) **5.55** Home and Away (325128) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (937055) **7.30-8.00** Challenge of the Seas (505) **10.40** Billy (827019) **11.10** Dust Off (166692) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (102079) **12.35am** Blood and Orchids (4093513) **1.35** Superstars of Wrestling (2160906) **2.15** America's Top Ten (42426) **2.45** The Pleasure Girls (458123) **4.15** Jobfinder (40880529) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (8690364)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (937055) **7.30-8.00** The Really Helpful Programme (505) **11.10-11.40** New Candid Camera (166692)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 10.30 Student Exchange (15711944) **12.10pm-12.20** Cartoon (6467321) **1.55** A Country Practice (41047128) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (9832692) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3764963) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (741) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (321) **7.30-8.00** Fat Man Goes West (505) **10.40** Father Dowling Investigates (602234) **11.35** A3 - Access All Areas (394673) **12.05am-12.40** Coach (5711819) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (27600)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 10.30 Get Smart Again! (15711944) **12.10pm-12.20** Cartoon Time (6467321) **1.55-3.25** A Country Practice (41047128) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3764963) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (731168) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (321) **10.40** Married with Children (827019) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (104302) **12.05am** Wait Until Dark (539180) **2.05** America's Top Ten (6996109) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7076548) **3.05** Vengeance Valley (3888703) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (58906)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55 The Sullivans (41047128) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (8294234) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3764963) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (91437) **10.40** Home Movies (827019) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (104302) **12.05am** Wild World of the East (9268600) **12.35** Blood and Orchids (4093513) **1.35** Superstars of Wrestling (2160906) **2.15** America's Top Ten (42426) **2.45** The Pleasure Girls (458123) **4.15** Jobfinder (40880529) **4.35-5.30** Cue the Music (8690364)

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As London except: 10.30 Get Smart Again! (15711944) **12.10pm-12.20** Cartoon Time (6467321) **1.55-3.25** A Country Practice (41047128) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3764963) **5.55** Calendar (731168) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (321) **10.40** Married with Children (827019) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (104302) **12.05am** Wait Until Dark (539180) **2.05** America's Top Ten (6996109) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7076548) **3.05** Vengeance Valley (3888703) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (58906)

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Starts: 9.00 Running The Halls (44031) **9.30** Wish Kid (5199692) **9.55** Saved By The Bell (5174383) **10.25** Dog City (3443383) **10.50** Betty's Bunch (5094296) **11.20** Terrytoons (7431128) 11.45 The Adventures Of Super Mario Brothers (3625789) **12.00pm** The Lone Ranger (64895) **12.30** Sesame Street (11418) **1.30** A Day In The Life ..Ralph Kirshbaum (73031) **2.00** Channel 4 Racing from York (945708) **4.30** Stories From An African Hospital (418) **5.00** The Cosby Show (4147) **5.30** Countdown (470) **6.00** Newyddion (778437) **6.20** Heno (682988) **7.00** Jacpot (4383) **7.30** Margaret (61437) **8.30** Newyddion (2166) **9.00** Mwy Na Phapur Newydd (414505) **9.45** The Golden Girls (767499) **10.15** The Ballad Of Cable Hogue (85329079) **12.30am** Witness: Children Of God (6785155)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: The Musical Heritage of the Jews
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Catriona Young. **7.05** Elgar (Concert Overture, Froissart); **7.35** *Keyboard Compendium*: Bach (Goldberg Variations Nos 27-30); **7.50** Mozart (Adagio in E, K261); **8.05** Vivaldi (Concerto No 2 in G minor, RV578, L'Estro Armonico); **8.20** Purcell (Save me, O God, for Thy name's sake); **8.40** Fauré (Cello Sonata No 2 in G minor)
9.00 *Composer of the Week*: Biber
10.00 Musical Encounters, from the Edinburgh International Festival. **10.10** Tchaikovsky (Quartet movement in B flat); **10.30 Bach** Sonata No 2 in D, BWV 1028); **10.50** *Prom Artist of the Week*: John Eliot Gardiner, who conducts the Monteverdi Choir and English Baroque Soloists in a performance of André Campra's *Agnus Dei, Messe des Morts*; **10.55** Schubert (Symphony No 8 in B minor, Unfinished); **11.30** Beethoven (Quintet for Piano and Wind in E flat, Op 16: Nash Ensemble)
12.00 Ensemble: Beethoven (Trio in D, Op 70 No 1, Ghost; Gould Trio; String Quartet in C, Op 59 No 3, Razumovsky: Endellion Quartet) (r)
1.00pm Opera Matinée: The Sagittarius Vocal Ensemble and Les Musiciens du Louvre under Marc Minkowski in a recording of *Phaëton* composed by John-Baptiste Lully in 1683. With Howard Crook, tenor, Rachel Yakar, soprano, Jennifer Smith, soprano
3.50 Flamenco Guitar: A selection of flamenco music played by Juan Martin (r)
4.20 The BBC Orchestra: The BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Jerzy Maksymiuk performs Panufnik (Symphony No 10); Lutoslawski (Livre pour orchestre)
5.00 The Music Machine: How a melody is shaped in India (r)
5.15 In Tune, presented by Nicola Heywood Thomas, who looks ahead to events at the 1994 Vale of Glamorgan Festival. **6.00** Karg-Elert (Triumphal March on *Nun danket alle Gott*); **6.15** Dvořák (Piano Trio in E minor, Op 90, Dumky)
7.00 BBC Proms 1994, live from the Albert Hall, London. The Glyndebourne Festival Chorus and the London Philharmonic under Andrew Davis perform Act 1 of Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin*, a three-act opera after Pushkin. Sung in Russian. With Yvonne Minton, mezzo, Elena Prokina, soprano, Louis Winter, mezzo. **8.15** Superfluous Man, from Onegin to Yeltsin. The historian John Klier reflects on the plight of Pushkin's hero in the Russia of the Tsars and the Russia of Boris Yeltsin (r). **8.35** Act 2. **9.20** Rebuilding a Monument. A comparison of *Eugene Onegin* as novel and opera. **9.40** Act 3
10.30 Flute and Piano: William Bennett, flute, and Clifford Benson, piano, perform Benjamin Godard (Suite de trois morceaux, Op 116)
10.45 Conrad: a Polish Writer: Focusing on Joseph Conrad's Polishness, Christopher Hope explores how writing in a foreign language affects a writer's work (r)
11.30-12.30am Voices: Graham Fawcett introduces solo and choral settings of poetry by Gerard Manley Hopkins and Robert Bridges

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day, with George Austin
8.40 Rifleman and Hussar: The memoirs of Sir Percival Marling, VC (4/5) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze: Michael Buerk investigates questions of morality raised by one of the week's news stories
10.00-10.30 News; Uncle Dynamite (FM only). Dramatisation of P.G. Wodehouse's novel. Starring Richard Briers
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Children's Radio 4: Simple Simon (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour (FM only from 11.00), introduced by Wendy Austin. Serial: *The Great Elephant Chase*
11.00-7.00pm Test Match Special (LW only): The first day's play in the third Test between England and South Africa at the Oval
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent (FM only)
12.00 News; You and Yours (FM only)
12.25pm Inspiration! (FM only). Last in the present series of the science quiz **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (FM only) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Break My Bones (FM only): See Choice
3.00 Anderson Country (FM only), with Gerry Anderson
4.00 News (FM only) **4.05 Kaleidoscope in Edinburgh** (FM only): Paul Allen reports on the opening week of the festival, including the Berliner Ensemble's production of *Antony and Cleopatra*, and the best of the Fringe
4.45 Short Story (FM only): Abercrombie's Aunt, by Jan Webster
5.00 PM (FM only), with Charlie Lee-Potter and Jon Sopel **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM only) **6.30 A Bit of Fry and Laurie** (FM only). Highlights from Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie's last television series
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Seven Dams. Series about the political ideology behind the world's great dams Tonight's programme looks at the Tucurui Dam, the linchpin of the Brazilian government's development plans for Amazonia
8.00 Winning Rights: Conor Gearty talks to campaigners for animal rights
8.45 Eaten Alive — by Ticks! Lionel Kellaway looks at how ticks survive on man
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Disability magazine
9.30 Kaleidoscope in Edinburgh (r)
10.00 The World Tonight, with Owen Bennett-Jones
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Pursuit of Love, by Nancy Mitford. Read by Anna Massey (9/10)
11.00 Terminus: See Choice
11.30 Student Choice '94: As A-level results are published today, Annie Nightingale presents the first of four programmes which offer advice on how to find a place at college
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Terminus. *Radio 4, 11.00pm.*

In two respects, Nick Fisher's thriller serial breaks new ground on radio. The detective superintendent investigating a rash of railway station murders is a woman, played by the ubiquitous Imelda Staunton. And the station itself has a leading role. Using Dominic Letts's voice, it says things such as "The skirts of night brush the cool stone of my face" and "The facts of day slide into the grainy dusk of memory". In tonight's episode, Station Voice expresses a jaundiced view of the human world. With the murder toll having risen to three at the end of the second episode, it is not surprising.

Break My Bones. *Radio 4 FM, 2.00pm.*

For the second time on Radio 4 today, the inanimate becomes animated. Kitty Fitzgerald's dark fantasy, set in a factory, importantly features some all-listening, all-talking, all-thumping and, most nightmarishly, all-vengeful asbestos. "I am a serial killer. I will hack at the luscious bladder the air inhabits," it says, laughing manically, as it strikes back at human duplicity. Russell Dixon plays Asbestos, and his voice is heavy with menace. **Peter Davalle**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (70798470) **9.10** Cartoons (1311418) **9.30** Card Sharks (1419234) **9.55** Concentration (1494925) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (3579499) **10.30** Love at First Sight (91963) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (39760) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (82215) **12.30pm** E Street (23050) **1.00** Falcon Crest (28505) **2.00** Hart to Hart (12505) **3.00** Another World (5666876) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (2176321) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4302) **6.00** The Simpsons (2465) **6.30** Blockbusters (4895) **7.00** E Street (5031) **7.30** M*A*S*H (2609) **8.00** Rescue (49012) **9.00** LA Law (69876) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (62963) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (897483) **11.45** V (905857) **12.45-1.45am** Hill Street Blues (656123)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise Europe (13383) **9.30** Beyond 2000 (27876) **10.30** Nightline (99505) **11.30** Japan Business Today (30876) **1.30pm** CBS Morning News (20963) **2.30** Parliament Live (7128) **3.15** Parliament Live, continued (4539234) **4.30** News and Business Report (7532) **5.00** Live at Five (2944) **7.30** The Reporters (1321) **9.30** Talkback (18128) **11.30** CBS News (57942) **12.30am** ABC World News (85285) **1.30** The Reporters (76548) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (38364) **3.30** Talkback (29616) **4.30** The Reporters (41364) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (69432)

SKY MOVIES
6.10am Showcase (72784550)
10.00 Crooks and Coronets (1969) Comedy with Telly Savalas and Warren Oates as inept robbers (34166)
12.00 Taras Bulba (1962). Yul Brynner stars as the notorious Cossack (23215470)
2.05pm The Girl from Petrovka (1974) Romantic comedy with Hal Holbrook and Goldie Hawn (457925)
4.00 At the Earth's Core (1976) Fantasy adventure (55253944)
5.50 Fall from Grace (1990) The story of disgraced television evangelist Jim Bakker and his wife, Tammy (50003055)
7.30 E! News Week in Review (5147)
8.00 Perfect Family (1992). A brother and sister come to terms with their past. Tense drama with Bruce Boxleitner (45296)
10.00 Final Analysis (1992) Psychological thriller with Richard Gere, Uma Thurman and Kim Basinger (18736505)
12.05am Halloween III: Season of the Witch (1983) A deranged toymaker embarks on a killing spree (466762)
1.45 Beyond the Poseidon Adventure (1979) Saga about a sunken ocean liner. With Michael Caine (902068)
3.35 Bonnie and Clyde: The True Story (1992) The early years of the infamous outlaw couple (48758364). Ends at **5.05**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00am Summer Stock (1950) Musical with Judy Garland and Gene Kelly (51895)
8.00 3:10 To Yuma (1957). Classic western starring Van Heflin and Glenn Ford (23012)
10.00 ...and Justice for All (1979). Satire with Al Pacino as a firebrand lawyer frustrated by the American legal system (22895) Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Scaramouche (1952). Swashbuckler with Stewart Granger (62321)
6.00 The Summer of the Falcon As 6.10pm (92559)
10.00 King's Row (1942) Melodrama about the traumatic lives of American townsfolk. Stars Ronald Reagan (31283215)
12.10pm Ivanhoe (1986) Animated version of Walter Scott's medieval tale (6242031)
1.05 The Odyssey (1987) Homeric animation (6264944)
2.00 All That Heaven Allows (1955) Gardener Rock Hudson falls for his employer, Jane Wyman (51857)
4.00 The Black Rose (1950). Medieval adventure with Tyrone Power and Cecile Aubry (75942789)
6.10 The Summer of the Falcon Children's adventure (44144031)
8.00 The Taking of Beverly Hills (1991) Criminals fake a toxic spill. Action drama with Ken Wahl (76186)
10.00 The Last Boy Scout (1991) Bruce Willis and Damon Wayans uncover corruption in the football world (500128)
11.45 Candy the Stripper (1991) Erotic drama with Tracy Vaccaro (349499)
1.25am The Good Family (1990) Black comedy about a hopeless eldest son who takes over his dead father's duties (7650277)
2.55 Somebody's Daughter (1992) Nicollette Sheridan and Nick Mancuso star in a mystery thriller (305277)
4.30 All That Heaven Allows. As 2pm Ends at **5.50**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (8543437) **7.15** WWF Challenge (568079) **8.15** Soccer News (5701031) **8.30** The Footballers Football Show (88586) **9.00** Baseball '94 (11186) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (38079) **10.00** European PGA Golf. Live. English Open (386447) **1.00pm** Get Your Handicap Down (82876) **1.30** European PGA Seniors Golf (49302) **2.30** European PGA Golf. Live: English Open (722079) **5.30** World of Rugby Union (7760) **6.00** Soccer News (476692) **6.15** WWF All-American Wrestling (146470) **7.00** Horse Racing, live from Salisbury and Uttoxeter (28906) **8.30** Live US PGA Golf (837215) **11.00** European PGA Golf English Open highlights (13854) **12.30-2.30am** Australian Rugby League (56249)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (97708) **8.00** Triathlon (14673) **9.00** Athletics: IAAF Grand Prix Meeting from Zurich (58321) **11.00** Formula One (73128) **12.00** Football Copa Libertadores (68708) **4.00pm** Athletics (3692) **6.00** Eurosport News (9741) **6.30** Live Cycling World Track Championships from Sicily (842147) **9.00** Football: Copa Libertadores (585215) **11.30** ATP Tennis (44128) **12.00-12.30am** News (67161)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (7381654) **7.30** Neighbours (7300789) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7053654) **8.30** EastEnders (7052925) **9.00** The Bill (7076505) **9.30** Wings (6227857) **10.30** Bergerac (56225166) **11.35** The Sullivans (57018215) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7056741) **12.30pm** Neighbours (8869789) **1.00** EastEnders (7380925) **1.30** The Bill (6851760) **2.00** Robin's Nest (7479128) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (3696079) **3.00** Knots Landing (3044234) **4.00** Dynasty (3023741) **5.00** Every Second Counts (4567857) **5.40** The Goodies (6394079) **5.55** Sykes (1579673) **6.30** EastEnders (3673760) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (1123128) **8.00** Three Up, Two Down (7482692) **8.30** Robin's Nest (7478499) ***9.00 Minder** (1112012)* ***10.00** The Bill* (7057470) **10.30** Rory Bremner (3862050) **11.10** Thunderbirds (2675586) **12.10am** Dr Who: Enlightenment (2792600) **12.40** FILM: The Belstone Fox (1976) A fox cub and a hunting hound become friends (2534161) **2.30** Shopping (7342616)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am It's Droibee Time (22079) **7.00** Spiff and Hercules (6752963) **7.15** Pastagums (6545944) **7.30** Casper and Friends (95437) **8.00** Pingu (7532050) **8.05** Head to Head in 3D (7522673) **8.15** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (2285296) **8.30** Beverly Hills Teens (22944) **9.00** Bobby's World (7976470) **9.25** Around the World in 80 Seconds (9376925) **10.00** Twins of Destiny (46673) **10.30** Radio Detectives (42708) **11.00** Chuckle Club (91925) **11.30** All Change (92654) **12.00** Hour of Power (26760) **12.30am** Ironman (43925) **1.00** Guitars and Roses (75673) **1.30** Swan's Crossing (42296) **2.00** Barney and Friends (7673) **2.30** Mysterious Cities of Gold (5944) **3.00** Garfield and Friends (6708) **3.30** Head to Head in 3D (8302437) **3.40** Summer Crunch (6503857) **4.30-5.00** Saved by the Bell (5708)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Pondles (26418) **8.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (87857) **8.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (86128) **9.00** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (11168) **9.30** Clarissa Explains It All (29321) **10.00** Rocko/Garbage Pail Kids (51418) **10.30** Denver the Last Dinosaur (99692) **11.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (71147) **11.30** Smoggies (72876) **12.00** Nick Faves (80944) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (30437) **1.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (80418) **1.30** Chroma Zone (47944) **2.30** Garbage Pail Kids (1586) **3.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (5050) **3.30** You Choose (6031) **4.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (5166) **4.30** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (4050) **5.00** Dracula (7895) **5.30** Pete and Pete (5302) **6.00** Clarissa Explains It All (2215) **6.30-7.00** Roundhouse (437961)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (3870673) **4.30** The Arctic (3676857) **5.00** Fat Man Goes Norse (7470857) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (8868050) **7.00** A Fork in the Road (7471586) **7.30** Earthfile (3677586) **8.00** Bush Tucker Man (7480234) **8.30** Two Women Pirates (7469741) **9.00** Elite Fighting Forces (1110654) **10.00** The Secret Life of Machines (7055012) **10.30** Terra X (7064760) **11.00-12.00** Arrows Against the Wind (7389944)

BRAVO
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UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (4780760) **7.00** Living Magazine (3345437) **8.00** Days of Our Lives (8153789) **8.55** Delia Smith (2359302) **9.25** Mr Motivator's Mornings (6789050) **9.30** Now You See It (7564854) **10.00** Trivia Trap (4477370) **10.30** Crosswits (3860906) **11.00** Definition (4272708) **11.30** The Young and the Restless (1524741) **12.30pm** Everyday Yoga (29585234) **12.45** Best of Kilroy (7722437) **1.30** Family Affairs (7567741) **2.00** Agony Hour (9522429) **3.00** Living Magazine (9853708) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (81446470) **4.00** Infatuation (7225673) **4.30** Definition (7221857) **5.00** Rodeo Drive (4064437) **5.30** Masterchef (7245437) **6.00** FILM: Ice and Fire The story of Canadian skating champions Isabelle and Paul Duchesnay (65131925) **7.50** Short Shorts (6625857) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (7206586) **9.00** FILM: Blood Vows — The Story of a Mafia Wife (1987): A woman becomes curious about her new family (30027128) **10.40** Short Shorts (7772760) **10.45** Gladrags and Glamour (4690692) **11.00** Infatuation (4264789) **11.30-12.00** Housecalls (8077334)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (8925) **5.30** *African Skies (9760)* ***6.00** WKRP in Cincinnati* (6573) **6.30** Family Catchphrase (7925) **7.00** All Clued Up (8789) **7.30** All Together Now (6437) **8.00** Harts of the West (25470) **9.00** Neon Rider (45234) **10.00** The Pyramid Game (34789) **10.30** Newhart (43437) **11.00** Lou Grant (65050) **12.00-1.00am** Remington Steele (30180)

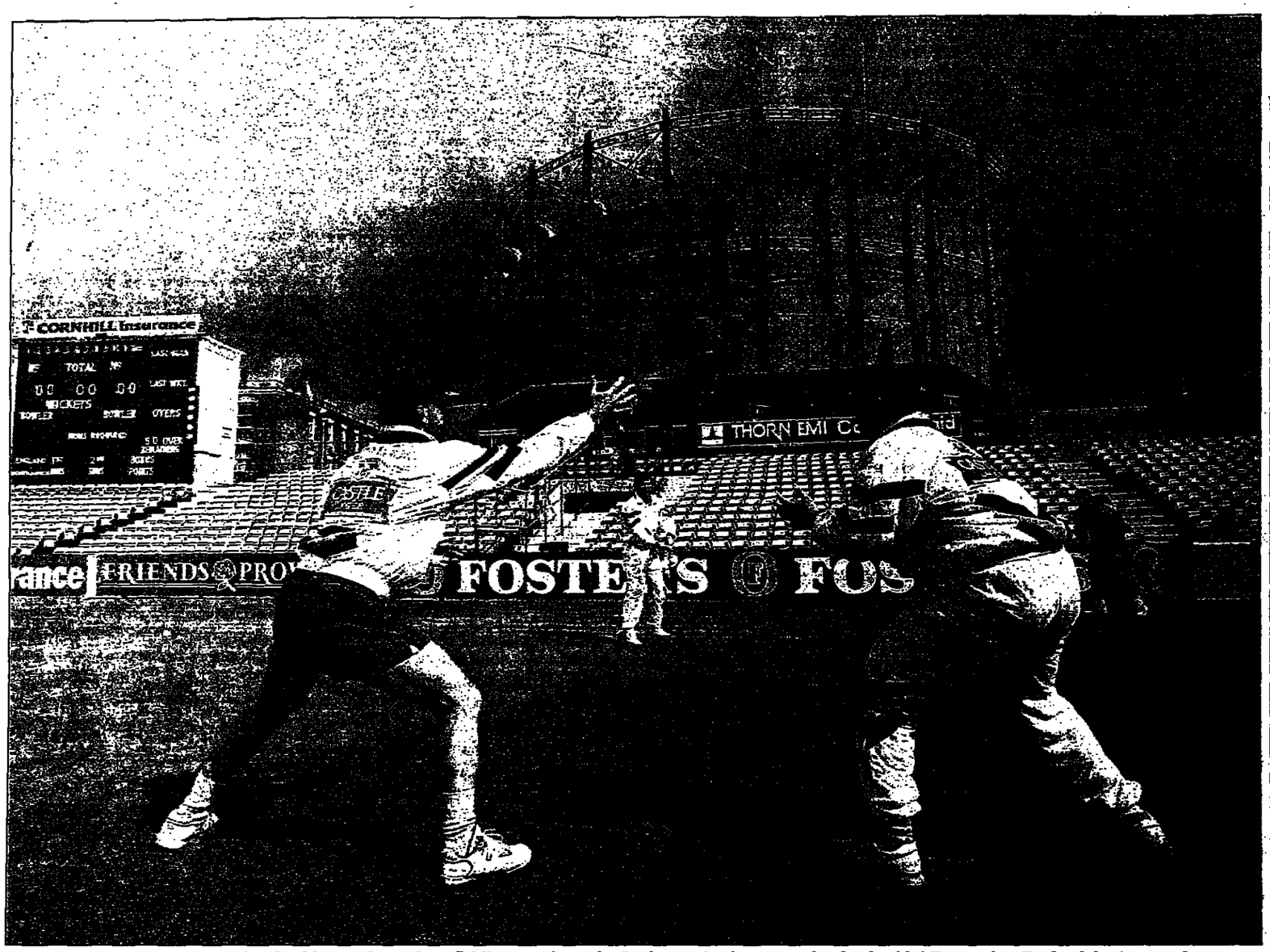
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10.55 The Horizontal Lieutenant (1962) An army officer resolves to capture a petty thief. Comedy with Jim Hutton (65661166)
12.35am See Here, Private Hargrove (1944) The comic misadventures of a naive army recruit. With Robert Walker (77923567)
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Tufnell's place in starting line-up at the Oval under threat



Mike Procter, centre, the South Africa coach, conducts fielding practice at the Oval yesterday in preparation for the third Test against England that starts today

England seek rapid remedy

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ENGLISH cricket is suddenly rich beyond its wildest dreams but the consequences of its prosperity are clear. The national team, provider of the purse, must also produce the results to justify it, and the next five days at the Oval are a good time and place to start.

Victory over South Africa would achieve much more than the levelling of the series. It would raise public faith in an inconsistent team and reaffirm Michael Atherton as unarguably the right man to direct England's future at a time when the product needs to reflect the fortunes being invested in it.

The portents yesterday, however, were alarming. England, misguidedly influenced by the win last year over a jaded Australia on this traditionally quick pitch, are inclining towards an all-pace attack, discarding from their armoury the one bowler who offers variety and restraint. It has already been a chaotic year for Philip Tufnell but if he is now left out while in superb form, and on a ground where he has bowled destructively before, England would be guilty of doing as much damage to his career as Tufnell has managed himself.

With Graham Gooch fit to resume, Mike Gatting will this morning be released to rejoin Middlesex, leaving the selectors with three options — omit a batsman to play five bowlers, omit a seam bowler or omit Tufnell. Atherton, while insisting it would be done "with great reluctance", strongly suggested that the last option is the preference. "You pick the bowlers you think will get the most wickets in the match and although Tufnell is a top-class bowler who does not need a turning pitch to be effective, as a batsman I know I would rather face him than a quick bowler on this pitch."

This is flawed thinking which could come back to haunt Atherton and his fellow selectors. They may well win with four fast bowlers — though there is no reason to believe Darren Gough and Devon Malcolm will be faster or more frightening than the fit-again Allan Donald — but if the South Africans are not bowed by speed alone, England will have nobody to offer either a subtler form of attack or disciplined defence.

Even Kepler Wessels, the South Africa captain, conceded that he had considered changing his team for the first time in six games to accommodate a spin bowler. "We are aware that the ball bounces for the spinners here and they can be dangerous," Wessels said. "But we have established a winning formula and we are unlikely to change it."

The one change South Africa may yet make is at the head of their batting order, where Andrew Hudson has managed only 30 runs in four innings. Peter Kirsten is likely to open with his half-brother, Gary, and the suspicion that the former does not handle the short ball confidently may, therefore, have an early examination. One of Atherton's prime duties will be to keep his pace bowlers calm in conditions that encourage excess. Yesterday, he compared Gough to Ian Botham, in that "he thinks he can bounce everyone out". As the same can sometimes be said of Malcolm, there is potential for bedlam and Atherton will need to keep his wits about him rather more than he did on the third day of the Headingley Test.

Yesterday, he was critical of his captaincy that day. "I should have been more inventive. With the pitch playing inconsistently I thought I could simply rotate the seam bowlers and it didn't work." Sadly, however, he may have no alternative — Graeme Hick apart — to rotating seam bowlers over the next five days and if Tufnell is not chosen, questions must be asked of Raymond Illingworth's oft-stated commitment to a balanced attack.

One matter not in doubt today is that the game's tills are ringing as never before. To the £60 million that will be banked over the next four years courtesy of a triumphantly even-handed television deal can instantly be added almost £1.5 million in receipts from this game.

Cricket's marketability is at new heights but as the leading players share some of the proceeds they must also accept the accountability.

Atherton yesterday pointed out that the England players, himself included, are weary after seven months of non-stop cricket. "I am finding it hard to focus on batting for Lancashire when I don't quite have the spark which sometimes you need. I think the other guys who have played all year feel the same."

Fair enough. They are entitled to be tired. Yet while he spoke, certain of those players were posing in sunshades and T-shirts for lucrative commercial photographs. Their profile, which connects to their pocket, was attained by the schedules which exhaust them and career expectations on the international circuit are shortening as the demands and rewards increase.

How curious, then, that the man awaiting his England debut today, Joey Benjamin, is well into his 34th year and would become the oldest specialist fast bowler to play his first Test for England since Robin Jackman, also of Surrey, in 1981. If it is increasingly a young man's game, Benjamin has not yet heard.

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ENGLAND (from): M A Atherton (captain), G A Gooch, G A Hick, G P Thorpe, A J Stewart, J P Crawley, S J Rhodes, P A J DeFreitas, D Gough, J E Benjamin, D E Malcolm, P C R Tufnell, M W Gatting.
SOUTH AFRICA (from): K C Wessels (captain), A C Hudson, G Kirsten, W J Cronje, P N Kirsten, J N Rhodes, D J Richardson, B M McMillan, C R Matthews, P S de Villiers, A A Donald, D J Cullinan.
Umpires: K E Palmer (Eng) and S Dunne (NZ). Replay umpire: A G T Whitehead. Match referee: P J P Burge (Aus).
Details: First Test (Lord's): South Africa won by 356 runs. Second Test (Headingley): drawn.

South Africans seek first win

SOUTH Africa have never won a Test match at the Oval (Simon Wilde writes). They have seven draws and three defeats to show from ten visits dating back to 1907, but that is not to say they have not enjoyed some success on the ground.

Twice they have gone there needing a draw to win the series — as they do today — and twice achieved their ambition. On the first occasion, in 1935, they made the game safe by scoring 476 batting first; on the second, they were more fortunate, rain ending the game 70 minutes early with England four wickets down and only 91 short of victory.

South Africa were even closer to winning themselves in 1947. Then they were left 451 to win — a fourth-innings target no team has achieved in Test cricket — and had got within 28, with three wickets in hand, by the finish. The Oval often brings out the best in England, who have lost there only five times since 1972 — and four of those defeats were by West Indies. Gooch has scored more than 1,000 runs in 11 appearances at an average of over 55.

ENGLAND v SOUTH AFRICA AT THE OVAL: Results: Played 10, England won 3, South Africa 0, draws 7. Records (England first): Highest totals: 534-6 dec (1935), 492-8 dec (1929). Lowest totals: 138 (1907), 93 (1912). Highest innings: 175 G Pullar (1960), 188 not out B Mitchell (1947). Best bowling: 8-29 S F Barnes (1912), 7-84 G A Faulkner (1912).

South African sport finds its champion in Tshwete

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHEN the countries of the Commonwealth gather in Victoria, Canada, this week for the "friendly" games, they will find Steve Tshwete on a voyage of discovery to see just what friendship can amount to.

Tshwete, minister for sport in South Africa, whose athletes are participating in the Games for the first time since Cardiff in 1958, seeks the support of the international sporting fraternity to boost his own department's far-reaching plans.

If Tshwete can subdue the obstinate, aggressive Louis Luyt, president of the South African Rugby Football Union, then he should make a considerable impact in Canada. Yesterday in London, en route to the Games, the soft-spoken former inmate of Robben Island articulated the measures he seeks to implement in an area which he passionately believes can sustain the spirit of national unity which has carried South Africa so far.

Next month, Tshwete's ministry will launch a National Development Trust. This will be followed by a sports academy and information centre. "Sport has such a capacity for bringing people together, and I hope the trust will help address the many imbalances which exist, of black and white, rural and urban, of gender, for the disabled," Tshwete said.

But the minister, whose strength of purpose is acknowledged across the board by national sports federations, requires the help that his own government cannot give him.

He admits to being angry at the allocation given to sport in the most recent budget, which is why the trust will depend initially on private companies investing a minimum of SA Rand 1 million each, and why sporting and political leaders from the Commonwealth countries will find Tshwete at their elbow over the course of the Games.

"We will talk to our friends in Britain and Canada and to the international sporting fraternity who have an obligation, of some kind, to help our sporting development."

Tshwete said. "We have resources in the form of personnel in abundance, but we must capitalise on the goodwill as South Africans begin to find one another to build one common destiny."

Such hiccups as that which occurred in South African rugby union last week are anathema to Tshwete, particularly since that sport hosts the biggest international gathering in the country's history when the World Cup takes place next year. The disputes between leading administrators, Tshwete agrees, does no good for South African sports credibility.

"Some intervention had to be made, and Louis Luyt and I came together quite easily," he said. "Administrative problems can demoralise players and it was beginning to have that kind of dimension, which could destroy our rugby.

"If there is one sport which needs to be encouraged it is rugby because of the capacity it has to address some of the political problems in the nascent democracy of our country.

"It's not likely that situation will recur because I think what happened came as a shock to Dr Luyt."

Tshwete seeks to broaden the base of sporting activity in South Africa from five to 15 million, so that the elite in all sports can flourish. "The autonomy of the sporting bodies is relative to the distance of the next man," Tshwete said, referring to the next generation of active participants. "But we [the newly-created sports ministry] want to know the product we are producing.

"We cannot tell our athletes taking part in the Commonwealth Games to bring back gold medals because we have built in no visible structures which justify that expectation.

"Sport in South Africa is a neglected child. We want to create a climate for sport to bloom, we want teams selected on merit helped by a vibrant development programme. It won't happen overnight and years from now we will still be talking about development. It's a process, not an event."

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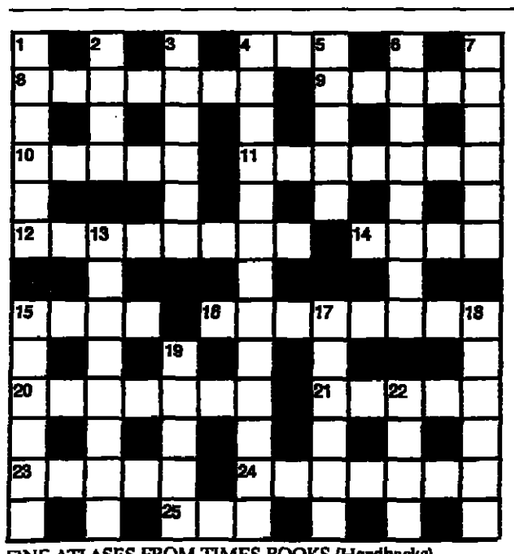
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10 Phantom (5)
11 News (7)
12 Propensity (8)
14 Cease, halt (4)
15 Group of girls (4)
16 Intricate twisting ornament (8)
20 Summon (repairman, doctor) (4,3)
21 Book for photos; record (5)
23 Ski slope (5)
24 Water tank (7)
25 Staining pigment (3)

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1 Tap for cask (6)
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4 Highly appropriate retribution (6,7)
5 Drop (vowel) (5)
6 Delirious, distracted (8)
7 Fail to take (opportunity) (4,2)
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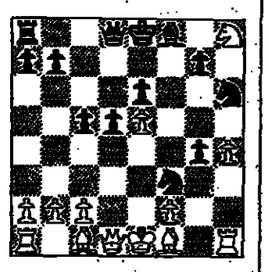
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CHESS

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Nunn - Seirawan, Monaco 1994. Here Black has sacrificed a rook for a piece but hoped, after the apparently forced 1 Ke2, to gain a strong attack. How was he rudely awakened from his dreams?



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WORDS

By Philip Howard

HIAQUA
a. A necklace
b. A waterfall
c. A greeting

KOLLERGANG
a. A type of knot
b. A large insect
c. A machine

LAMSIEKTE
a. A disease
b. A type of stew
c. An African tribe

NIVATION
a. A chemical process
b. A form of erosion
c. The gutting of fish

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